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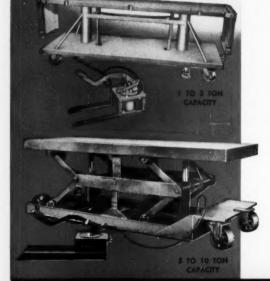
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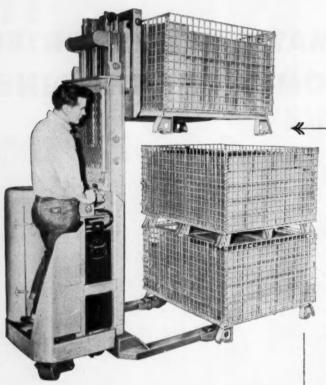
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This is certainly excellent performance and we thank you for your cooperation.

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# A Real Step Forward

To FLOW:

On behalf of the Association I would like to express our appreciation for the interesting and wellwritten article on our Equipment Standardization Program which appeared under "Highlights of the Month's News" on page 24 of the April issue of FLOW.

As you know, Jim Hanson and his several committees are working hard on this project, and I know this kind of editorial support is gratifying to them.

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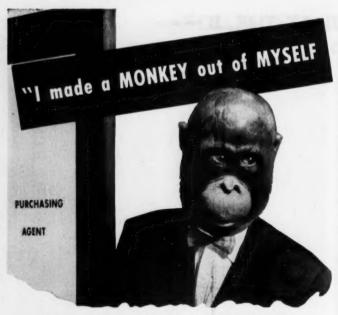
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(1) The handling of lumber from Receiving through Dry Kiln

to Planer.

(2) Conveyors between operations involved in mattress manufacture

L. Arnold

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Here are a couple of problems on which we'd like some outside help. The lumber mills, especially should be able to provide the answer to first question, while the conveyor manufacturers undoubtedly can tell us and Reader Arnold the best way for handling products as bulky as a mattress during manufacture. Let us hear your ideas on the issue.

# Alert To Safety

To FLOW:

In looking through your June 1953 issue we noticed a picture on page 64 which shows an employe riding the battery carrier box of a walking type powered lift truck.

We in this plant consider this to be a very unsafe practice and do not allow any of our employes to ride a truck of this kind at any time because of the many obvious hazards which you will no doubt recognize when looking at it from a safety performance angle.

Realizing that the general interchange of ideas and procedures has been one of the biggest factors in attaining the present high standards of safety performance in industry, we thought you perhaps would appreciate having this brought to your attention.

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# NEWS VIEWS TRENDS

## YALE ROAD SHOW STARTS SECOND LEG

The Yale Materials Handling Road Show has started on the second leg of its two-year transcontinental tour demonstrating laboraiding, time-and-money saving equipment to business and industry. First stop on the second leg was the Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto. The Show, sponsored by The Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, Yale Materials Handling Division, is now making a series of one, two and three day stands, primarily in the Middle West.

# GET MORE SPACE FOR SIPMHE EXPO

The demand for exhibit space in the 1953 Industrial Packaging and Materials Handling Exposition at Boston Mechanics Building next October 20-22 has made it necessary to expand the original show area. C. J. Carney, Jr., managing director of the Society of Industrial Packaging and Materials Handling Engineers, sponsors of the exposition, leased extra space after more than 80 percent of the original space had been contracted for.

# K. W. ANNOUNCES WARRANTY PLAN

**K. W. Battery Company** has announced the new K. W. Warranty Plan, designed to provide industrial truck users constant battery power at a fixed monthly cost. The plan guarantees, with each battery installed, an exchange of battery during the life of the warranty at any time the battery does not meet the predetermined performance level. It also guarantees, in advance, battery power costs, the fixed monthly sum of the battery will cost and guarantees maximum cost of replacement.

## FIFTH ANNUAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

The fifth annual Industrial Engineering Conference will be held on the campus of Michigan State College September 14-18. Six workshop groups are being planned to bring the latest and best of industrial engineering to practicing men in industry: beginning motion and time study, advanced motion and time study, materials handling and plant layout, production control, quality control, industrial engineering for small plants. A staff of nearly 40 experts will discuss their specialties with the conference groups, and each workshop will consist of about 25 persons.

# PACKAGING MACHINERY GROUP PLANS MEETING

The program committee for the twenty-first annual meeting of the Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute, to be held from September 20 to 23 at Skytop Lodge, Skytop, Pa., was announced by Edwin H. Schmitz, Institute president. W. B. Bronander, Jr., executive vice president of Scandia Manufacturing Company, will be the general meeting chairman. His assisting committee: E. A. Oliver, general manager of Economic Machinery Company, chairman of the business meeting program; John B. Wilson, president of Wright Machinery Company, entertainment chairman; G. Diehl Mateer of G. Diehl Mateer Company, sports chairman; E. J. Abendschein, general manager of Chisholm-Ryder Company of Pennsylvania, reception and fellowship chairman. The Skytop meeting will be attended by executives of member companies and their wives and families.



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# **BIG JOE MOVES**

Big Joe Manufacturing Company has moved to a new location. The address of the company is now 900 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago 7, and the telephone number is Taylor 9-5650.

### MICROWAVE CHANNELS TO WORK ON RAILROADS

Microwave channels, similar to communication bands in television, will soon be working on the railroad, remotely controlling switches, signals and interlockings. Their use in this phase of railroading comes after conclusive tests, the first of which was contributed in the Pittsburgh area in 1946 by the Union Switch & Signal Division of Westinghouse Air Brake Company, with the cooperation of the Radio Corporation of America, Western Union and the Pennsylvania Railroad. The initial application will occur on the 90-mile railroad constructed in Venezuela by the Orinoco Mining Company. The project will combine Union Switch & Signal's centralized traffic control and coded carrier (voice frequency) control systems with transmitters and receivers especially developed by RCA.

## DODGE OBSERVES 75TH YEAR

Dodge Manufacturing Corporation of Mishawaka, Indiana, recently celebrated its diamond anniversary and is now in its seventy-sixth year of operation. Festivities included a day-long open house for guests and families of employees, featuring plant and a yard setting in carnival motif. The affair attracted thousands of visitors from Mishawaka, South Bend and a number of more distant cities.

## PACKAGING TEAM STUDIES NAVY PROBLEMS

A navy packaging team is on its way to forward military areas to study packaging problems in the field, according to the Office of Naval Material. Navy supply installations in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Philippines and other outposts will be visited. The team will determine if military supplies are arriving at forward areas adequately packaged, and at the same time will seek evidence of over-packaging. The tour is expected to last about six weeks.

### REVISED MANUAL ON CONVEYORS READY

A new and revised edition of "Conveyor Terms and Definitions" is off the press at the Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association, according to R. C. Sollenberger, executive vice president. Words used to describe conveyors are given their exact meaning for industrial specifications in this manual, which lists 1500 terms and shows line drawings of more than 80 types of conveyors and parts. Copies are available from the Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association, No. 1 Thomas Circle, Washington, D. C., at \$1 per copy, or from members of the association.



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Harnischfeger Corp. has appointed Arch S. James as hoist

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proving the en- Arch S. James gineering assistance and service for P & H Hevi-Lift and Zip-Life users in his area.

The New Orleans district office of Alvey Conveyor Mfg Co. moved recently to new and larger quarters at 302 Jahncke Bldg., 816 Howard Ave. Harold L. Block is the district manager.

A new Field Engineer Section has been announced by Barber-Greene Co. to provide on-the-spot factory and engineering assistance to B-G distributors and their customers. Each field engineer was selected on the basis of his engi-

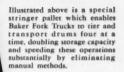


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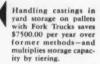
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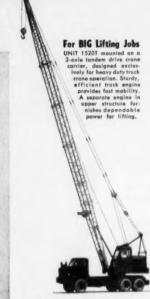
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neering background and experience in the construction machinery industry. The new group includes (front row, left to right) James Rice, Willis H. Brett, Kent Shell and Richard Graffahna. (Back row, left to right) Richard Jouannet, Edward Curtin, Ralph Andreasen and Robert Hoppenrath.

The Frank G. Hough Co. has appointed Kenneth B. Larkin

as district representative in its sales territory comprising Washington, Oregon, Idaho; British Columbia, Alberta and Sas-



katchewan, Canada. He replaces H. E. Thomas, who has been promoted to the midwest territory including Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and eastern Missouri. Larkin is a civil engineer and formerly was associated with the Nelson Equipment Co., a Hough distributor in the northwest region.

Clark Equipment Co. has revamped and expanded its dealer organization in the midwest and west coast to handle its newly-acquired Ross straddle truck and fork truck lines. Clark acquired the Ross Carrier Co. this past May. Under the new dealer plan which went into effect July 1, most midwest and west coast dealers will add the Ross products to their regular sales and service activities.

The Pittsburgh Steel Products Co. announces a recent change of location for its New York district sales offices. The branch now is located in the Chrysler Building at 42nd and Lexington Ave.

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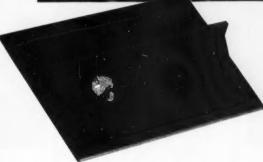
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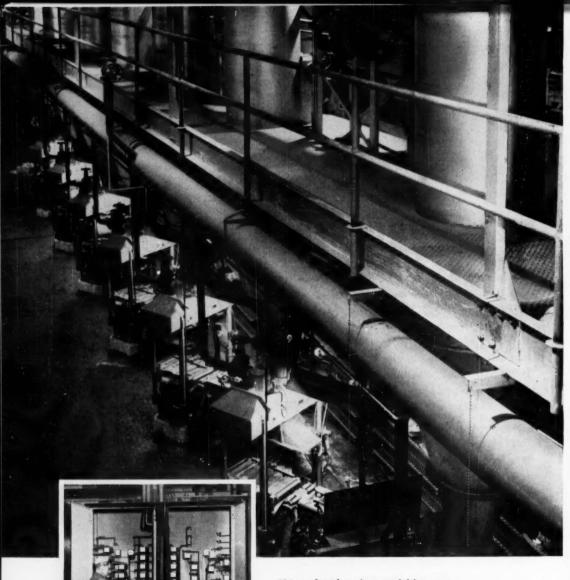
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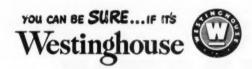
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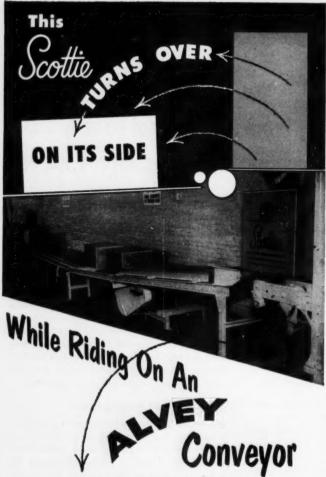
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· Claibourne T. Cackley, for

the past 5 years technical director of the National Wooden Box Association, died June 18 at the age of 48. During the past two years he served as



he served as C. T. Cackley secretary of the National Wooden Pallet Manufacturers Association also.

· An enthusiastic group of members convened at Chatham Bars Inn, Cape Cod, Mass., recently for the summer meeting of the Caster and Floor Truck Manufacturers' Association. Howard Palmer, president of the Material Handling Institute and sales manager for Lewis Shepard Products Inc., gave the main address entitled, The Future Of The Material Handling Industry." Another highlight of the meeting was a discussion headed by Lieutenant W. R. Hamilton on Air Force specifications for standardization of products within the industry.

• Announcement has been made of the forthcoming annual Montreal Material Handling Show Nov. 9-13. Approximately 75,000 square feet of floor space will be available for exhibits, according to L. J. Stock, president of the Montreal Chapter of the American Material Handling Society, sponsors of the show.

The Montreal Tool and Equipment show will be held in conjunction with the material handling exposition. Last year's show drew an attendance of 23,000. Management of

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- The Philadelphia regional division of the Society of Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Engineers elected new officers at its final meeting of the current year. Named president was Joseph L. Krager Jr., Radio Corporation of America; executive vice president is W. W. DeWitt. Rohm & Haas Co.: vice presidents are L. C. Fleck, Packaging Service Corp., and Charles H. Black, National Metal Edge Box Co.: treasurer is Frank D. Edwards. Potts-Farrington Co., and secretary is R. F. Tettemer, H. G. Hanline Co.
- · The Detroit Material Handling Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers elected its 1953-54 officers recently and has announced its opening meeting for the year on Sept. 8. Francis Norton is scheduled to speak on "Tackling Today's Material Handling Problems." The newly elected officers are John Boyko, chairman; Randall Crabb, vice chairman: Warren Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Henry Castle, publicity; John McDougall, membership: Frank Henderson, greetings chairman, and Don Kelsey, exofficio.
- · Carl Miller, of Westinghouse Electric Corp., was elected president of the newly formed Maryland division of the Society of Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Engineers. The group was welcomed into the national body by John Mount, eastern regional director of SIPMHE. Speaker at the meeting was Stanley Margerum, sales manager of the Modern Dunnage Mfg. Co.

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. . . at Elwell-Parker Electric Company.

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tivities. He suc- L. C. Hopper ceeds C. B. Cook who retired recently.

... at American Chain & Cable Company.

Henry Ervin has been elected vice president and director of

sales over all 16 divisions of the company. He has been with the firm since 1937 and for the past two years has been administrator



of general Henry Ervin sales. Harry Williams also has been elected a vice president of the company with his head-quarters in Detroit. He joined the company in 1927 and has been sales manager of the automotive and aircraft division in Detroit.

### . . . at B. F. Goodrich Co.

Organization of two major divisions has been announced by John L. Collyer, president. Arthur Kelly, a vice president, has been named president of the Goodrich Tire and Equipment Division. Clyde O. De-

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Long has been named president of the Goodrich Industrial Products Division. He formerly was general sales manager of that division.

### ... at Acme Steel Co.

William C. Fork, vice president and production consul-

tant, holds the distinction of having the longest record of service with the company. He recently completed 45 vears. He ioined Acme in



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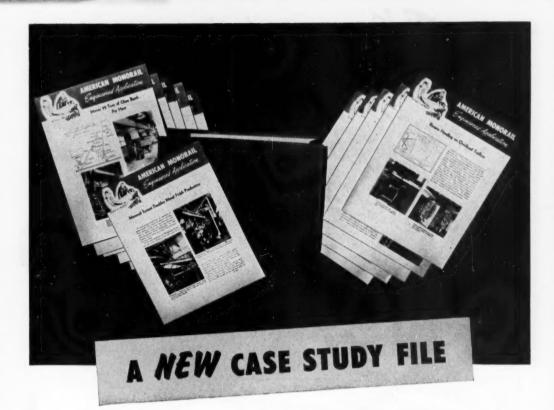
1908 at the age of 18 and is the inventor of the rotary method of making corrugated fasteners for joining wood.

### . . . at Bassick Company

William K. Meyers, for many years Chicago regional sales manager, has been elected vice president, according to George L. Meyer Ir., president of Bassick and vice president of Stewart Warner Corp., i's parent company. Meyers succeeds Walter F. Herold, who has been named a vice president of the parent company.

### . . . at Brooks & Perkins Inc.

Numerous appointments have marked the expansion program at Brooks & Perkins. Frederick W. Seitz, who has been a director and secretary of the firm for the past 10 years, now is secretary-treasurer. Charles D. Smith becomes works manager of the mill division. He joined B & P from U. S. Steel Corp. where he was a rolling mill superintendent. Edward H. Perkins comes to the firm as manager of the newly established commercial division. He formerly was a sales engineer for Alcoa.





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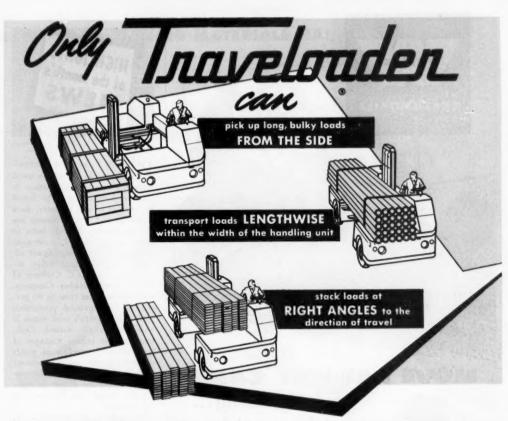
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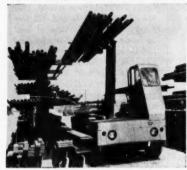
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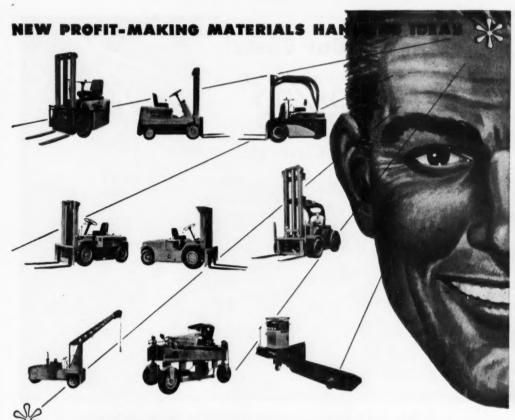
PROBABLY the most outstanding example of today's trend toward greater mechanization in material handling may be found in the coal mining industry. As a matter of fact, the increasing use of heavy-duty conveyor belts to speed production and to cut costs is among the most significant advances in coal mining today, according to George C. Crabtree of United States Rubber Company.

Estimating that close to 90 percent of underground production from this country's coal mines is now mechanically loaded, Crabtree (who is belting manager of his company's mechanical goods division) points out that conveyor belts have become a tremendously important factor in rushing this output from the seams to the surface.

To back up his contention, he points out that one of his company's belts can unload a full carload of coal in one minute. This belt, 72 inches wide and 942 feet long, handles 3000 tons of coal an hour. Adoption of mechanized techniques, Crabtree explained, has slashed hand-loaded output from 58.5 percent of the total U. S. coal production in 1940 to less than 22 percent in 1951.

Furthermore, the number of long-distance installations is increasing, and coal is being transported by conveyor over far greater distances than ever before. For example, one mine in Pennsylvania is using a system of belts to cart coal four and one-half miles from loading zone to tipple.

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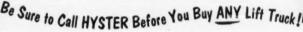
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# MATERIALS-HANDLING NEWS

\* Panel Discussions by Bassick, World's Largest Manufacturer of Casters and Floor Protection Equipment



# Are WALLFLOWER trucks costing you money?

If you're looking for ways to cut operating costs (and who isn't?), here's one that's often overlooked.

Check your rolling stock—dollies, hand trucks, portable equipment, etc.—and see whether you haven't got a few "wallflowers" that nobody wants to use. You'd be surprised how often equipment that seems to be in good shape stands on the sidelines because inefficient casters make them unpopular with work-

men. Since they're hard to move, they get the cold shoulder in favor of equipment that rolls easily and smoothly. And it's no news that idle equipment wastes money fast.

You can make the "wallflowers" carry their full share of the load simply by equipping them with efficient Bassick casters. Why not try Bassick casters on one of your idle trucks? Then watch how quickly it goes to work for you.

# Put them back in ACTION with these Bassick Casters



These rugged Bassick truck casters make any floor an "Easy Street" for portable equipment. Built to give easier handling and longer life, they come in sizes from 3" to 10", with all types of wheels, have fully hardened raceways.

There's a Bassick industrial caster distributor in your neighborhood who stocks the right size and type of caster for anything from teatables to ten-ton trucks. Why Roman roads are arrow-straight



Engineers who marvel at the enduring construction of the old Roman roads sometimes conclude that they're straight as an arrow because that's the best way to build military vehicular highways in a hurry. Some historians offer another explanation. They think these roads are straight because the Romans hadn't discovered the trick of swiveling the wheels of their 4-wheeled carts. Naturally these had a hard time getting around corners, while the famous Roman chariots simply skidded around on their two wheels.

This may also explain why the Romans built so many 2-wheeled state coaches when you'd expect them to have four wheels. An exception is the ornate carriage shown above, which is of uncertain date.

Good casters do not need straight roads. They provide the flexibility so important in materials handling to move any equipment immediately in any direction. Put your loads on Bassick Casters and save precious time and labor. Bassick has the right caster for the job.



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# Cheap Rides For Raw Materials

In thousands of plants, day after day, "PAY-LOADFRS" are moving fertilizer, chemicals and all kinds of bulk materials with great savings in time and costs. Indoors and outdoors these agile tractor-shovels scoop-up, carry, unload, load, transport, stockpile, windrow and spread. They maneuver in close quarters and can travel rapidly in both directions. That's because they have ample power, short wheelbases, big pneumatic tires and multiple speeds in reverse as well as forward. "PAYLOADER" application is simple and flexible too — they can go right to work without a lot of expensive plant alteration.

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# What's NEW in equipment



#### Versatile Portable Elevator

Developed to its present design over a period of 8 years, this L-S Handy Hoister is said to fill the demend for a light, easily movable stacker or production tool for one-man handling of 500 and 1000 pound loads. Manufactured by Lewis-Shepard Products, Inc., the unit can be used for placing dies in presses, quick loading drums, cases, crates on trucks, repair work, draining barrels or, as shown here, depositing work on a press. For specialized handling, the lifting platform can be replaced by a lifting arm, a cradle-type platform, a roller platform or forks.

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### Automatic Sheet and Plate Lifter

By enabling crane operators to pick up and deposit packs without waiting for men on the ground, this automatic sheet and plate lifter manufactured by Jaeger Machine Company is said to solve several problems. Cranemen can pick from the high stacks or inside holes in stockpiles as easily as from an outside row. In warehousing, only 8 inches of space is needed between stacks, and material can be stacked to the limit of overhead clearance. Standard model handles 24 to 72 inch widths of steel up to 6 tons.

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## Gate-Manipulating Truck

This specially-designed truck manufactured by Elwell-Parker Electric Company eliminates the usual physical exertion required to open and close bottom gates in hopper cars. Power that is normally channeled into raising and lowering loads is shunted to manipulate the gates. The wrench on the truck is moved horizontally to engage the opening and closing mechanism on the rail car (arrow). The wrench is then powered to crank the gates open or closed.

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#### Self-Adjusting Dockboard

This Hi-Lo dockboard, manufactured by Dockboards Incorporated, adjusts itself automatically to the truck bed without power. The truck, as it is backed into the dock, presses the extended operating lever shown in the photo to lower the dockboard to the truck bed. Several models are available, including units for installation in new or rebuilt docks, and a packaged unit built to the specific dock height and shipped ready to operate after hanging the counterweight.

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Capsuled descriptions summarizing the latest information obtained from manufacturers. To get more details quickly, ask for them by number on the free-mailing Reader Service Card.

#### Additions to Fork Truck Line

The Buda Company announces the development of two 6000 pound capacity, pneumatic tired fork trucks, models FTP60-24 and FTPD60-24. These trucks, available with dual or single drive wheels, have a load capacity of 6000 pounds at 24-inch load center and are available in all standard lift heights. Model FTP60-24 is powered by a heavy-duty Buda 6B-230 gasoline engine, while a Buda Diesel, model 6BD-230 powers the FTPD60-24, shown here. They are available with torque converters to eliminate shock to engine and transmissions and to provide smooth power.

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#### Trailer for Institutional Use

A 2000-pound capacity, pneumatic tired trailer for institutional use has been developed by Mercury Manufacturing Company. A feature of the unit is a non-marking, white rubber bumper which surrounds the frame to prevent damage to doorways, walls or projections. Construction features include: flush hardwood deck, 3 by 6 feet by 18½ inches high; 4-ply pneumatic tires, 3.50x6 inch on the casters and 4.00x8 inch on load wheels; rack sockets on sides and ends.

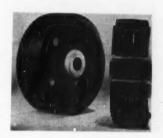
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#### Demountable Industrial Wheel

A demountable industrial wheel with a "bonded-to-steel" rubber tread that, according to tests, will not slip, stretch or creep under heavy loads is being marketed by The Rapids-Standard Company, Inc. Called the "Rapistan MB", this wheel incorporates exclusive design features that are said to increase wheel life substantially and cut costs up to 30 percent. The replaceable tire of the wheel has a thick live-rubber tread that is bonded for life to a steel inner band, and the tread is of uniform thickness throughout.

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### Diesel Mounted Front-End Loader

The combination of diesel power with front-end loading up to 5000 pounds capacity is featured in the Baker-Lull Shoveloader, mounted on a Sheppard industrial wheel-type tractor, according to Baker-Lull Corp. It will crowd and dig below tractor level, lift a 5000 pound load to 10 feet, 3 inches, dump it at 8 feet, 6 inches, and reach 5 feet, 10 inches ahead of the tractor radiator shield. Lift speed is 12 seconds, lowering speed, 9 seconds. Special doubleacting hydraulic cylinder design enables the operator to shake the material bucket thoroughly clean.

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#### Fork Trucks With Dual Wheels

Towmotor Corp. announces that Towmotor Models 480-P and LT-60 pneumatic-tired lift trucks are now offered with dual drive wheels as optional original equipment. Mounted on the drive axle as replacements for standard single wheels, these dual drive wheels afford more tread surface for safer handling of loads over soft ground and insure greater stability of trucks equipped with extra-high lifts.

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#### Heavy-Duty Roller Skid

The Multiton roller skid has been developed and is now marketed by Stokvis Edera & Company, Inc. The roller skid is basically a heavy-duty dolly working on the self-laying track principle. In this respect, it moves in the same way as a tractor or a tank. Consisting of a hardened cast alloy-steel frame with hardened roller forming the "tank" track and anti-friction ball bearings between rollers, it is able to support heavy loads and move them easily over concrete and other hard floors.

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### Cable Overhead Trolley Conveyor

Said to incorporate all the low-cost, easy-to-install features and versatility of Buschman ¼-inch Cable Universal Overhead Trolley Conveyor, this conveyor has ¾-inch cable that gives greatly increased capacity. The conveyor's trolleys are rated at 100 and 200 pounds capacity per trolley for standard and Dubl-Duty wheels respectively, operating on standard 3-inch I-beam track. Manufacturer is The E. W. Buschman Co.

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### Economical Steel Casters

These 5- and 6-inch casters which feature double ball-bearing swivel action for easier handling of movable equipment have been added to the "68" series casters manufactured by Bassick Company. Said to be priced lower than many other casters of these sizes having single ball-bearing races, the casters also feature case-hardened raceways for extra durability and longer service life. These casters are recommended for trucks and other miscellaneous portable equipment for loads up to 1400 pounds.

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#### Industrial Truck Battery Charger

This four-circuit monitor charger, manufactured by Motor Generator Corp., is a four-circuit package unit for 6-cell lead-acid or 10-cell nickel-iron motorized hand truck batteries. The monitor charger combines the efficiency and lower-maintenance-per-circuit of multiple-circuit equipment with the compactness, simplicity and flexibility of the single-circuit unit. Four charge controls, the motor starting switch, and the motor and generator controls are all mounted in the monitor top control cabinet.

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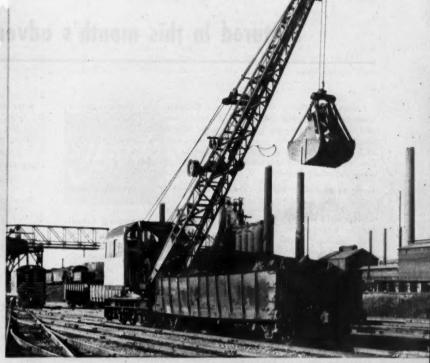
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No truck downtime is maintained in literature available from the Ready Power Co. in describing its interchangeable power units for industrial trucks. They call it inexpensive preventive maintenance.

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Buda Co. invites you to "put yourself in the driver's seat" with its new 36-page descriptive booklet giving complete details on the entire line of Diesel and gasoline powered industrial trucks.

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Bulletin No. 53 may be obtained from the Moto-Truc Co. giving details of its line of Walkie type trucks including the Hi-Lift, the Pallet Type, the Platform type and the Grip-All tractor unit.

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Considerable information on hoists may be obtained from the Chisholm-Moore Electric Hoist Catalog. Available on request, it also includes prices and the name of your local CM distributor.

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The Baker Handling Library, a new portfolio of actual case histories, may be obtained from the Baker-Raulang Co. It tells how increased efficiency and reduced costs resulted from Baker trucks.

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An education in industrial truck maintenance and maximum operating efficiency has been developed by Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. Every company is invited to provide this training program for its operators.

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A booklet entitled, "LIF-Tronics... science of material handling," is available from the Wayne Pump Co. It describes how lifts can be utilized during every stage of plant production and shipping.

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A novel "TV" brochure describing the complete line of mobile cranes and shovels may be obtained from the Unit Crane & Shovel Co.

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A free booklet, "What Makes It Tick," may be requested from the Towmotor Corp. describing popular features of its fork truck line.

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Standard Conveyor Co. has available its general catalog No. FL-83 describing its complete line roller and belt conveyors, spiral chutes and pneumatic tube systems.

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Packaging magic is told in literature available from Signode Steel Strapping Co. How once difficult items now are palletized for safe bulk shipment is one of the achievements of the steel strapping industry.

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Proper positioning of stock is important to production, according to literature available from Rack Hydraulic Equipment Co., which describes its line of hydraulic elevating tables

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A current catalog on the Oildraulic elevator line may be obtained from Rotary Lift Co. With capacities up to 100,000 pounds they're built for the most rugged useage, the company maintains.

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A copy of the Booklet, "Look Into The Facts About Dockboards," may be obtained from the Magnesium Co. of America. It emphasizes the danger and cost of makeshift dock plates.

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Specification AL-3 may be requested from the Jaeger Machine Co. which manufactures the automatic lifter for handling sheet steel or plate. The unit is controlled by one man in his crane.

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**Detailed information** may be obtained from the International Staple Machine Co. on economical closure of corrugated and fibre containers.

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Information on rugged dependability of the Bearcat Hoist is told in literature available from the Harrington Co. Six models are described with capacities up to 4000 pounds.

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Literature describing details and low prices of the Gee-Vee-Line all-aluminum wheel conveyor sections may be requested from Haslett Chute & Conveyor Co. A 10 foot section weighs only 26 pounds.

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Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. has details concerning its line of tires to fit the new wide based rims featured on many industrial trucks today. The increased width is said to offer lower rolling resistance, greater stability and longer wear.

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Complete details of how the experts from two fine industrial packaging laboratories stand ready to help you cut costs are available from General Box Co. The booklet is entitled, "The General Box," and the laboratories also are operated by General.

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There's lots to learn from literature obtainable from Gould-National Batteries Inc. on the merits of battery power in motivating industrial trucks and their loads. It's available on request.

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Information on their Tire and Wheel Analysis Plan as well as a copy of the "Industrial Tire Handbook" may be obtained from the B. F. Good-rich Co.

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Details on speed, capacity and various models of worm drive electric hoists may be obtained from ElectroLift Inc.

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Fork trucks can be adapted to many uses that their owners might never know about. The Clark Equipment Co. has available its current attachment catalog containing numerous tips for obtaining the most from your fork truck.

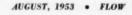
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If your job calls for the handling of large quantities of bulk materials, Barber-Greene Co. invites you to write for information they have which will make your task easier and more efficient. They maintain B-G Bucket Loaders have moved more than a billion cubic yards.

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Where low headroom creates a problem during hoisting operations, literature available from the Wright Hoist Division, American Chain & Cable Co., might contain the answer. The WH-1 Speedway hoist can operate within 121/4 inches of the beam.

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An answer to almost any materials handling problem may be found in two companion catalogs obtainable from the Hyster Co. Catalog 1258 contains the Hyster industrial truck line, while Catalog 1266 lists all of the profit-making attachments

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New developments in casters have progressed a long way in recent years. Bassick Division has information available that will bring you up to date on your own caster requirements on anything from teatables to 10-ton trucks.

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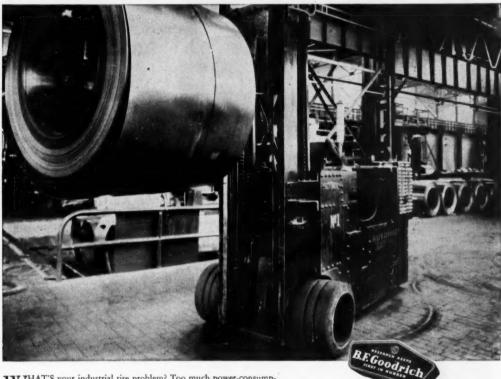
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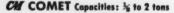
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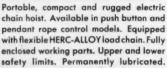


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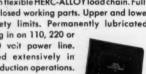


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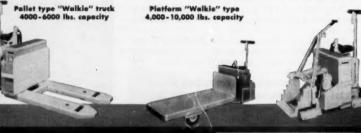
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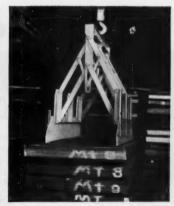
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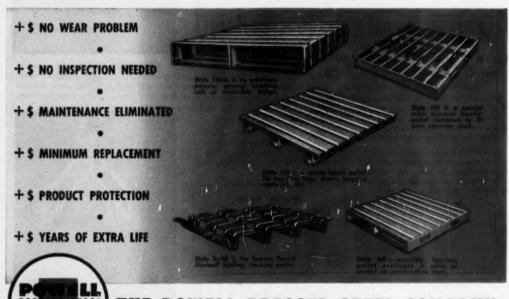


3 Releasing check valve allows lifter to close by tong action when hoisted. The heavier the load, the tighter the grip on the pack. Lifter is fully covered by patent,

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# Assembly of Complex Units

ERE'S how an ingenious assembly cart streamlined assembly of gas turbine compressors at AiResearch Mfg. Co., Phoenix.

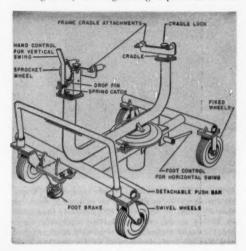
The compressors, hearts of auxiliary pneumatic power systems for jet and turbojet aircraft, are carried through the entire assembly process, test labs, and final inspection to the shipping room on light weight carts that are easily handled by one man,

Design of the carts makes it possible for assembly workers at each line to remain conveniently close to their tool benches and small part trays while working. By hand control, a worker can rotate a unit being assembled, through 360°, vertically. The device is geared to stop on increments of 15°. Foot controls enable the unit being worked on to rotate horizontally through 360°, stopping wherever the operator chooses.

At each assembly point, the cart itself is secured to the plant floor by a foot brake to prevent cart or assembly movement during torque actions on the engine assembly.

The initial sub-assembly compressor frame, though bulky in shape is easily loaded on a cart at the first assembly point by two men. When setting the initial frame into the open cart cradle, only a slight pressure on the hand control is needed to trigger off a spring catch allowing a holding pin to drop, by the force of gravity, into the sprocket where it is easily locked in place.

Designed by the engineering department of the



Arizona AiResearch division and built at the Phoenix plant, the cart is mounted on four 8 x 2.50 zero rubber pressure tires. The two front wheels are fixed and the rear two are on swivels, enabling the cart to make a small turning circle.

The new assembly cart has resulted in reducing operator fatigue, damage free transit of the delicate mechanisms throughout the plant, and a degree of flexibility never before possible. Independent units can be pulled out of the assembly line for special work at any time without interruption of regular flow.



GAS TURBINE COMPRESSOR ASSEMBLY LINE (above) owes its efficiency and flexibility to a unique assembly cart. The cart makes it possible for workers to remain close to their tool benches and their small parts trays at all times. Tie-ups as a result of trouble-some units are eliminated by this flexible system. Sketch at left shows details of the carts which were designed by the Arizona AiResearch division and are built by the company's Phoenix plant.



More and more magnets are drawing attention to the material handling jobs they can do. Maybe they could do a job for you.

TEW USES FOR MAGNETS, of both the "electro" and "permanent" types, are being devised almost daily—and most of the developments are in the field of material handling. In addition to handling, as such, magnetic equipment offers some dividend advantages: it separates ferrous from non-ferrous materials, as in the elimination of tramp iron from all sorts of materials in process; the separation of steel sheets held tightly together by the bond of protective lubricant; and the

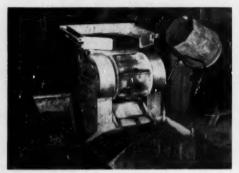
holding of materials or parts for feeding to or during the operation of production machinery.

Among electro magnets—those obtaining their power from fields generated by direct current—the most widely used is still the familiar circular type. But more and more lifting power is being designed into them, and controls to operate them are increasing the precision and scope of their applications. Rectangular and other shapes have been devised for many general and



# Magnets for Handling in Metal-Working





DRUM-TYPE SEPARATOR speeds handling by automatically removing small parts from abrasive at Remington Rand, Inc. After cleaning in tumbling barrels, parts and abrasive are fed onto face of revolving drum. Abrasives collect in push cart while parts accumulate in tote pan under machine.



SHEET STEEL SEPARATOR of type that "floats" sheets—large or small, oiled or embossed, from less than 20 gauge to more than 12 gauge—to feed presses, brakes, shears, other fabricating machinery. Single sheet is easily grasped, danger of cuts much reduced, and dies are protected against double feeding.

specialized handling purposes.

Electromagnets are available in a tremendous range of lifting capacities-from 50 to 60 pounds up to 110,-000 pounds. They are built for service under all sorts of conditions. There are models for operation under water: others that will handle red hot or cold steel. Electromagnets can be carried on any handling equipment that has a boom (or equal) and a source of power. Lifting capacity, of course, depends upon power supply, but there are magnets that will handle weights within the capacity of a fork truck (weight of magnet plus weight of load) when a suitable generator is installed on the truck. These have been used principally for handling loose scrap. Use of electromagnets for positioning and holding during machine operations. especially for heavy parts or unusual shapes, is also increasing.

## High Potential For "Permanent" Magnets

It is in "separation", the removal of ferrous particles from non-ferrous substances—and the separation of steel sheets—that an almost spectacular progress has been made over recent months. This application has largely involved "permanent", or Alnico, magnets, in which long-lasting holding power has been achieved. They are "permanent" for all practical purposes.

The four basic categories of magnetic separators are: (1) Magnetic Pulleys, which work with belts of rubber, canvas, or other non-magnetic materials; (2) Magnetic Drums, for installation in any conveying system not using belts, and suitable for handling wet or dry material; (3) Plate-Type Magnets that are frequently submerged in slurry or coolants to remove ferrous particles; and (4) Magnetic Humps or Traps, which can virtually eliminate all tramp iron damage to pumps,

jordans and refiners.

These devices are doing such jobs as: filtering metal particles out of food, drug and allied products; removing tramp iron in all sorts of industrial handling operations; and segregating iron and steel from materials not attracted by magnets.

Other tools incorporating permanent magnets clean machines of chips and turnings; pick up and handle small steel parts; sweep yards and shops clean of fragments—and do a host of similar jobs.

## Good Returns From Scrap Collected

Electromagnets are employed extensively for clearing large yards and extensive areas, in general—such as parking lots, airport runways and highways. One material handling dealer rents out jeeps equipped with magnets for this purpose. The rental fee is nominal; he more than supplements that income with returns from the scrap he collects and sells.

Permanent magnets are used on conveyors to keep work in alignment or to handle light weight parts—for example, from machining to pickling, plating, finishing or shipping areas.

There has just been introduced a magnetic conveyor in which permanent magnets are driven in endless chain around the underside of a table. It is intended for small assembly operations, in which the work can be easily removed from the line of travel simply by moving it toward the operator. Replacing it back in the line is just as easy. The table top is clear except for work in process.

#### Sheets "Repelled" for Better Handling

In feeding sheet forming machinery, the removal

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RECTANGULAR MAGNET on motor driven bridge crane here handles multiple coils of strip steel from storage to stamping department of Eastern hardware manufacturer. Red hot metal can also be carried on such magnets which have thicker bottom plates and which are properly insulated.



RETRIEVING PARTS from plating and dip tanks is function of magnetic handling tool. Magnetic section rotates to attract over entire surface. To unload the magnet, a neoprene wiping ring is pushed from one end to the other, where a non-magnetic area causes instant release of entire load.

# MAGNETIC HANDLING

of the top sheet from the pile has been difficult and dangerous because of the adhesion between sheets caused by rust-inhibiting oil. To prevent double-feeding, magnetic separators cause adjacent sheets to separate themselves. The device works on two elementary principles: (1) like poles repell; and (2) poles of a permanent magnet induce opposite polarity in a magnetic material.

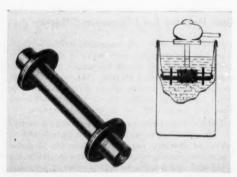
While a stock of steel sheets is, in effect, a solid mass, it is made up of numerous separate sheets. Each pole face of the separator magnet induces poles of opposite charge on the edge of each sheet. Like poles are induced in a vertical direction, repelling each other and forcing sheets to part.

Permanent magnets, too, are finding more uses at operations requiring parts to be firmly secured—as in

# In Metal-Working (Con'd) -



HARD-TO-HANDLE and precision small parts can be held by magnets carried on overhead conveyors.



COOLANT PUMP MAGNET, suspended under pump intake in tank (as sketched), traps fine steel particles.



Sweeping with Magnetic Brooms





MAGNETIC SWEEPER cleans floors and inaccessible areas of dangerous scrap and valuable small parts. Wiping ring arrangement drops load into container.



PUNCTURE PREVENTER—this jeep-carried electromagnet keeps plant yard and roads safe for traffic. Also suitable for parking lots, on airport runways.

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grinding, shaping and shearing—where production is speeded by quick handling of materials directly to the operation and equally as quick removal. (Electromagnets can carry the greater loads of sheet and other steel stock to the production areas.)

#### Attraction of Magnetics Growing

Following are pictures and descriptions of a few applications of magnetic handling. They are intended to show a cross-section—to indicate the extent to which magnetic force is doing a material handling job in a number of industries and how the use of magnets is growing in scope.

The Editors of FLOW will be glad to hear of any handling problems which have been solved by magnets, or to obtain information for readers who may have a task in which magnets might provide the muscles.

For data and pictures, FLOW thanks the following firms: Basco Manufacturing Co.; Carboloy Department of General Electric Co.; Cutler-Hammer Inc.; Dings Magnetic Separator Co.; Eriez Manufacturing Co.; Homer Manufacturing Co.; Multifinish Manufacturing Co.; The Ohio Electric Mfg. Co.; F. W. Shrader Co.; and Stearns Magnetic. Inc.

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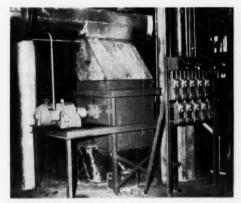
Automatic Removal of Tramp Iron



HIGH INTENSITY magnet, over conveyor handling grain, removes tramp iron at belt speeds to 800 f.p.m.



MAGNETIC TRAP in system handling viscous material protects both product and pump against tramp iron.



ENCLOSED drum magnet used with screw conveyor drops metal into front box, product down rear chute.



PULLEY-TYPE separator carries tramp iron to chute, right, while fertilizer drops into grinding mill.

# MAGNETIC HANDLING

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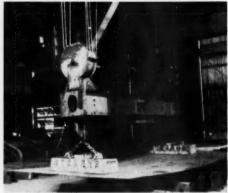
Handling Awkward Steel Loads

ALL-PURPOSE lifting magnet for general machine shop and flame cutting operations, handles various sizes of castings, plates, and weldments—a time saver for moving pieces in and out of machines. Lifting capacity depends upon shape of piece, can be as high as 3000 lb.



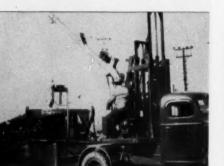
SPECIAL SHAPES of electromagnets, such as this, are designed to handle efficiently such items as heavy structural angles, channels and joists.





TWIN rectangular magnets on a spreader beam transfer hot steel plate from rolling mill run-out to cooling bed at Homestead Works, U.S. Steel.

Scrap Loading and Collection



MOBILE truck-mounted crane loads scrap, with a circular electromagnet, into a dump-body yard truck. Gas generators provide power for such equipment.



FORK TRUCK CRANE ATTACHMENT manipulates the electromagnet which loads chips and turnings from smaller containers into accumulation hopper.

You Need Speed to Handle . . .

# Hygroscopic Materials

Here's a simple, fast way in which there is no fuss, dust, or moisture problem.



CALCINED MAGNESITE, received in bags, is deposited into hopper of bag dumper (inset). Operator presses button (photo at right) to raise filled hopper to top where it discharges into feed hopper of mill.

A SIMPLE, efficient handling system has been developed by the Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, for quick transfer of a highly hygroscopic material into and out of a pulverizer. The product, calcine magnesite, is received in bags, ground up, and re-packed in bags for shipment to manufacturers of rubber compounds.

Grinding is done in a Raymond Mill. During the early planning, it was decided that volume of production would not be high enough to warrant an expensive, high speed continuous handling set-up. A method of handling which would require a relatively small outlay of money, which would handle the magnesite fast enough to prevent absorption of excess moisture and which would be able to keep the pulverizer operating eight hours per day was sought.

Not only has the system which was finally developed been able to meet all of these requirements . . . it has the added advantage of flexibility which will permit meeting higher production schedules when necessary.

The entire operation requires three workmen. When calcined magnesite is received from suppliers, it is in bags containing from 110 to 140 lb. each, and varies in texture from dust to 1/4 in. pellets.

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PULVERIZED MATERIAL flows by gravity from separator into bag. When a bag is filled, operator check weighs it and adds or removes material as required. Then, bags are sewn and palletized by a third man.

# Easy Handling of Heavy or

A heavy or bulky product need not be hard to move in continuous flow—even though many types of handling equipment and long distances are involved—by G. M. Nicklaw of General Electric Co.

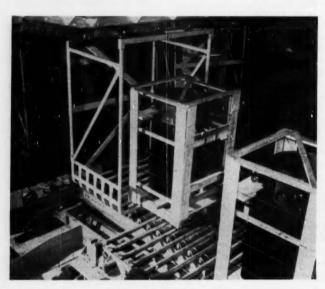


WHEN A CONTINUOUS-LINE operation is not feasible—if parts are large and heavy and inplant travel unusually long or complicated—pile-ups and delays can still be made negligible.

This is shown especially well at the Transformer Division of General Electric Company, in Pittsfield, Mass. Here, seven types of material handling equipment, plus numerous attachments and accessories, are synchronized and coordinated to convey hundreds of distribution transformers per week from production to the storage and shipping area. Smaller units weigh upwards of 280 pounds, larger ones 1,100 pounds or more, and all move continually, without pile-ups.

### Automatic Transfer from Roller to Overhead Conveyor

The long travel starts in the crating area, where tested transformers are delivered by a series of gravity



ABOVE LEFT: After crating and testing, transformers pass through centering device, onto loading station. LEFT: Transfer car rollers rise to mesh with waiting station rollers and deck of overhead carrier. Forward propulsion of transfer rollers and laterial movement of carriage convey load into carrier on diagenal, synchronized with overhead conveyor travel.

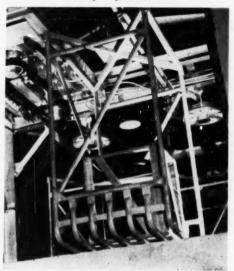
# **Awkward Loads**

and power roller conveyors. After crating, transformers, still on the conveyor, are power driven through an automatic centering device. From there they continue to the first section of the automatic loading station, called a waiting station, which is a series of rollers on which a transformer rests until the overhead conveyor approaches. At that time, a transfer car, with constantly revolving rollers, rises from below the waiting station to inter-mesh with the rollers of the waiting station and also the tubular bottom of the overhead carrier. Moving at the same speed as the overhead carrier, the transfer car drives the transformer into the carrier in a diagonal direction. Micro switches and electric eyes keep the operation automatic and prevent slip-ups.

It is at this point that the transformers start on the way to the storage area via a conveyor which is 1,275 feet long, has 85 carriers, and is capable of delivering one unit a minute.

At the Shipping Section, where the storage area is located, the overhead carriers are automatically unloaded at a station similar to that in which they

CROSSING RAILROAD tracks through a shed, overhead carrier starts long trip to shipping and storage area, where unloading is again automatic.





STACKING CRANE handles heaver units, moving them from floor conveyor to storage piles and from storage to shipping conveyors as needed.

were loaded. Then transformers go down a gravity conveyor to a power section and through an alligator switch, which sorts them into three categories onto three floor conveyors. Rollers on these are arranged so that the load is moved to the outside edge for easy handling. Units in the 5 to 15 kva group are put in storage piles by a fork truck having a carriage with four movable fingers. These slip under cross pieces of the wirebound crates to lift two—side by side—at a time. Normal operation is to stack two on two, remove four units with one lift.

Heavier transformers, in the 25 to 50 kva group, are carried to the storage piles by a stacking crane. This equipment, a recent development, consists essentially of a rigid stack suspended from an overhead crane carriage. The stack is equipped with forks, similar to those on a fork truck, which are raised or lowered as required. It can revolve 360 degrees—and reverse over the same angle—to serve both sides of aisles.

Mounted on the stack is an eight-push-button-control panel and a place for the operator to ride. The equipment, capable of lifting two tons and operating in a six foot aisle, has a bridge speed of 350 feet per minute.

For shipping, the stacking crane removes units from the storage piles and deposits them on a series of gravity conveyors leading directly to the car loading area. There, two-wheeled hand trucks are used to take the transformers from the conveyors to the freight cars. Does the flow planning in your plant specifically cut costs, or does it only minimize one of several quantitative cost indicators, which, according to the author are: The distance moved; the amount of handling; weighted distance figures such as ton-mile; the distance materials move in conjunction with the number of handlings. "None of these", he states, "indicates the cost of handling in an accurate or consistent fashion."

HOW TO DETERMINE . .

# The Best Flow-Planning

by John R. Huffman Associate Professor, Industrial Engineering University of Southern California

WHAT is "flow planning"? What does it do? Why is it so vitally important?

Essentially, flow plan is determining in advance, the paths which materials will follow through the plant, and coordinating those paths so that the manufacturing processes may be carried out in the most practical and economical manner. It involves the location of departments with reference to one another and affects machine arrangement considerably. It is easy to see why one text calls flow planning the "core of plant layout."

Considering material movement during the development of block layouts or the planning of arrangement of machines is actually an effort to decrease costs associated with flow by:

1. Reducing the number of handlings,

Reducing the distance travelled by materials during production.

Eliminating criss-crossing and back-tracking in the paths followed during production.

4. Mechanizing all possible movements.

The above improvements are usually effected by one of two techniques: a. Drawing flow lines for each product on a floor plan showing the proposed layout (proposals are modified by inspection, i.e. "qualitatively", until the one requiring the fewest back-tracks

and least criss-crossing is obtained); b. Minimizing some numerical or quantitative indicator of the costs associated with flow.

## What Are Costs Associated With Flow?

Generally, the costs associated with flow are those which result from handling, carrying goods-in-process inventory, production equipment idleness and compensation insurance. However, the savings resulting from the reduction of goods-in-process inventory, down time or hazards are difficult to ascertain except in the most obvious cases. For that reason, these savings are often considered as intangibles in many plant layout projects. The reduction in handling cost alone is utilized quantitatively for comparing alternate layouts. It is important to remember when considering reduction in handling costs, that in some cases, handling costs may increase, but concurrent increases in production actually reduce the cost per unit.

If reduction in handling cost is the usual aim of flow planning, minimizing handling costs is obviously the best "quantitative" technique to use. Time standards, however, are necessary to estimate the money spent for handling. Unfortunately, few companies have them. Therefore, plant layout men minimize not han-

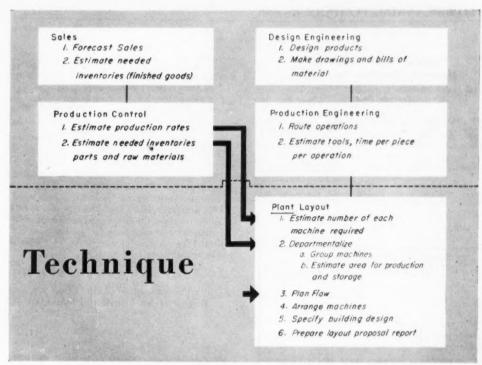


FIGURE I. TYPICAL FLOW CHART. Essentially, flow planning determines in advance the paths which mate-

rial will follow through the plant. Functions above dotted line are preliminaries, below lines are plant layout.

dling cost, but one of the following four quantitative cost indicators:

- 1. The distance materials move.
- 2. The amount of handling.
- 3. Weighted distance figures such as ton-mile.
- The distance materials move in conjunction with the number of handlings.

None of these techniques indicates the cost of handling in an accurate or consistent fashion. Here is how the writer arrived at that conclusion:

Consider flow in the most common type of industrial establishment . . . the job-lot plant which uses mobile handling equipment. Experience indicates that the time required for one trip of a mobile handling device (and, therefore, the cost of handling) may be divided into two parts. Part I is a time, which we shall designate as "a", which is independent of the distance moved. It includes the time required to pick up and put down the load and to accelerate and decelerate the mobile handling unit or truck. These are the constant elements of the handling task. Part II of the time required for one trip of a mobile handling device is a time "bx" which is dependent on the velocity of the handling device "b" and the distance travelled "x". This is the variable element of the handling task.

The time to complete any trip may, therefore be expressed as: Time "t"=a+bx

In this equation, a and b are assumed to be constant for the entire plant. This assumption should be reasonable as long as the handling is confined to either warehousing or inter-department transportation.

The time required to move a particular part between subsequent operations in a plant is then;

 $t = (a_1-bx_1)-(a_2-bx_2)-(a_3-bx_3...-(a_n-bx_n).$ 

This is the modified question, "How much of the handling time is devoted to the steps (or constant elements of the task) and how much to actual movement?"

### How Much Is Actual Movement?

Assume that only one type of mobile handling equipment is used within a plant. This is the simplest case. The principles holding true here can be extended to more complex situations alter. Under this assumption, it is possible to consider a single movement as typical of those in the plant, For such single movements by various type of mobile handling equipment, three typical predictive equations are given in the table which follows on the next page.

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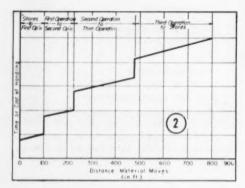
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## Typical Time Values for Materials Handling Operations

Type Equipment	Time in Minutes To Make Round Trip of 2x Feet		Comments		
48", Multi-stroke	t = .659 + .011x	Data	levelled	in	fev

48", Multi-stroke t=.659+.011: Meckanical Hand Lift Truck, 6" Data levelled in few cases of exceptional performance; no allowances included. For congested areas increase .659 to .749; for clear areas decrease it to .549.

4000# Electric t=.432+.0077x Walkie Pallet Data not levelled; no allowances added.



4000-6000# Gas t=.644+.0071x and Gas-electric Fork Trucks Figures are average values for stacking one or two high. Data covers a number of 4000 to 6000# gas trucks. Some studies on gaselectric 4000# trucks. All data levelled and with approximate 10% allowance.

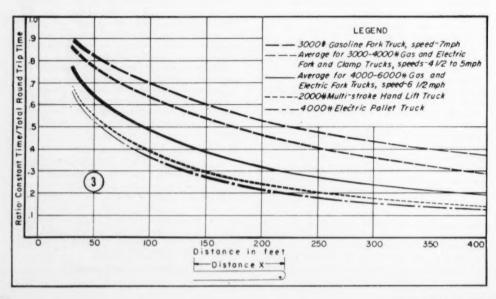
Data for this table made available by Mr. Joseph N. Druliner, Chief Industrial Engineer, Norris-Thermador Corporation.

These equations and some others are platted in Figure 3 to show the portion of each round trip taken up by the constant elements; pick-up, put-down, acceleration, and deceleration. The heavier portion of each of the curves shows the distances which fall within the recommended operating radii for the equipment.

Careful examination of the curves in Figure 3 reveals the following:

## Percentage of Trip Time Required by Constant Elements

Type Equipment	Curve	Recommended Maximum Radius of Operation	Minimum Percentage of Time Required by Constant Elements
48" Multi-stroke Hand Lift Truck	В	50'-200' (3, 4)	50′-55% 200′-23%
with 6" wheels 4000# Electric Walkie Pallet Truck	A	100'-250' (3, 4)	100'-36% 250'-18%



Fork Trucks, gas and electric, 4000-6000#,	C	250'-300'	(4, 5)	250'-27% 300'-23%
operating speed—3 mph Fork Truck, gas and electric, 3000-4000#, op- erating speed—4½-6½ m		250′-300	(4, 5)	250′-46% 300′-44%

From these figures it is apparent that 20% or more of the time required for any one trip is taken up by constant portions of the task . . . if equipment is operated as recommended. The exact percentage depends on the distance travelled and may be as high as 80%.

#### Consideration of Equipment Utilization

The preceding discussion has assumed implicitly that each piece of equipment is used at all times. In actual practice however, handling equipment in a plant is idle or engaged in non-productive activities during a certain number of hours per day. This condition can be represented by an equipment utilization factor "k" where:

Assuming that the cost of operating a handling device is expressed in dollars per hour (as is customary), the time per trip on which cost should be based is:

$$t=k(a+bx)$$

If k is constant in all departments of the plant, equipment utilization presents no problems. However, a ration delay study in one Los Angeles plant revealed values of k varying from 1.25 to 2 if the most variable departments, shipping and receiving, are excluded. This variation is probably due to the fact that trucks from a central pool are assigned to production departments for use as the department foreman sees fit.

It appears, therefore, that the activity of a mobile handling device can be described as follows:

#### Summary of Handling Equipment Activity

	Per Cent of Time		
Activity	Considering Idle Time	Neglecting Idle Time	
In Motion bx Constant Time a Idle k	16-64 10-40 64-16 40-10 20% 50%	.20-80 80-20 0	
	100	100	

FIGURE 2. TOTAL HANDLING COST is affected by time or cost of handling and distance material moves.

FIGURE 3. Proportion of round trip time required by constant elements of pick-up, put down, acceleration and deceleration for several types of equipment.

FIGURE 4. An example of a circle diagram (see text).

To summarize this discussion of flow in a job lot

- The cost of handling (or time to handle) any part through the production process is a step function.
- The steps represent the constant elements of the handling task...pick-up and put-down, acceleration and deceleration. The variable element is the distance of movement.
- The relative portion of the total handling cost assignable to the constant and variable elements depends on the distance of movement.
- The cost of any specific move may depend on the department in which it is performed because equipment utilization appears to vary.

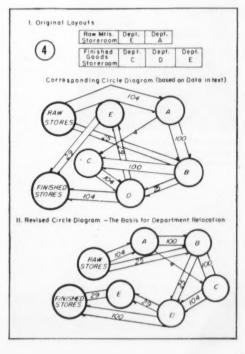
#### Quantitative Flow Planning Techniques

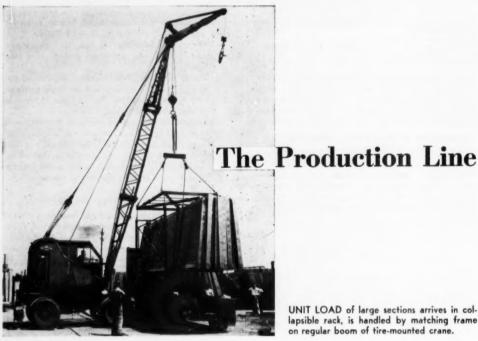
Following, are some theoretical considerations in planning flow to minimize the distance moved. Comparisons of the type which will be discussed are usually presented as a supplement to the other dollars and cents comparisons relative to a re-layout. Let us assume distances involved in our planning are as follows:

Alternate Layout	Existing	Proposed
Distance Travelled	1000 ft.	500 ft.

From the discussion of the flow in a job-lot plant, it is apparent that the distance of the individual trips

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UNIT LOAD of large sections arrives in collapsible rack, is handled by matching frame on regular boom of tire-mounted crane.



EFFICIENT STORAGE is second purpose of racks, from which parts are moved directly to start of fabrication.



SHORT PRODUCTION RUNS, a wide variety of models, and numerous special orders are conditions which can, ordinarily, make good material handling-and high production efficiency-exceedingly difficult to achieve in metal fabrication or assembly operations. Fruehauf Trailer Company, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has all of these production problems, but full utilization of the unit load principle in handling keeps efficiency at a high level.

Most of the firm's material handling occurs in the vard, which is considered the start and finish of production lines. Here, wherever it is at all possible, materials and parts are kept in unit loads. To handle them, wide use is made of trailers and pneumatic tire mounted cranes, which have been especially adapted and equipped with accessories to lift and carry bulky loads, large metal sheets and structural members. Jiblike arms, for example, have been attached to the ends of crane booms so that large frames and other highway trailer sections can be swung freely on high lifts, without danger of damage. Grabs and slings have been devised to handle panels and long bundles of structural members, respectively, as well as lumber and other materials.

A rectangular frame, with chains and hooks at each corner, enables a crane to handle the largest single

BUNDLED aluminum floor sections for refrigerator bodies, each containing sufficient material for an entire trailer, are grouped together by model numbers.

## Starts In The Yard



STEEL-STRAPPED PACKAGES of lumber, mill-cut for each model trailer, speed handling through receiving, storage and production.

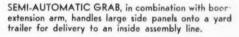
load, the key unit, in the handling system. This is a collapsible rack in which kits of stainless steel or aluminum trailer body parts are shipped on highways and handled within the yard. A kit consists of an entire assembly, ready for fabrication. The rack-load comes from the mill on a trailer especially adapted for it. When received in the yard, an entire kit is lifted from the trailer by crane and set in the storage

area. When the rack is emptied, it is folded. Then one trailer is tiered on top of another, and two trailers plus two racks make the return trip to the mill. Similar frames are also used for mixed loads of panels and frames that may be required for small numbers of assorted trailer assembly models.

When the fabrication section of a production line

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EXTRA ARM added to the standard boom extends usefulness of the crane by allowing the handling of full-length frames without danger to parts or crane.







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IN-PROCESS handling of fragile, uncured concrete blocks. Spring cushioned frame and rubber tired wheels protect against jars and vibration.

WHERE DOES the hand lift truck fit best in a company's material handling set-up? How can the most economical use be made of this type of equipment? And what are the features of such a truck that should be considered before a selection is made for a department—or for use throughout a plant?

Answers to these questions can help a purchasing agent to procure equipment that will safely handle the maximum amount of material, in the shortest possible time, in the largest number of applications around his company.

The Association of Lift Truck and Portable Elevator Manufacturers suggests the following jobs for which the hand lift truck is particularly suited.

1. Short Hauls: Hand lift trucks can do a good job of moving loads for short, horizontal distances. For example—moving materials from receiving to nearby storage; handling from storage to nearby machines, from machine to machine within departments, and between departments relatively close to each other.



ORDER PICKING by hand lift truck, teamed with power truck in background. Smaller truck assembles loads on short trips, larger one does the long hauling.

# what the purchasing Hand



SERVING MACHINES, hand lift truck and special racks handle four heavy beams of rayon yarn at a time in a rayon manufacturing plant.

2. Infrequent or Irregular Hauls: When only a few moves are made in any operating period, or when there are idle periods between moves, a hand lift truck can do the job without tieing up power equipment. Let a hand lift truck do the waiting. Frequency of use has no effect upon its operation; upkeep costs virtually nothing.

3. Close Quarter Handling: Hand lift trucks can do a fine job in really tight spots. They work in



PRODUCTION LINE handling by hand lift trucks in a lumber working plant. Small trucks can be used individually or towed in a trailer train as might be desired.

## agent should know about

## Lift Trucks



SERVING a battery of sterilizing units, a lift truck moves special racks of drugs in and out of them as part of a drug manufacturing process.

and out of freight cars or trucks, large and small; in narrow aisles; on small freight elevators; and between closely set machines-in fact, anywhere that a man can squeeze,

4. Complementing Power Equipment: Power trucks, conveyors, overhead tramrails and the like can take care of the long hauls. A hand lift truck can be a valuable member of the handling team by taking care of the short distance pick-up work. It can bring



RACKS loaded with hams are shown ready for curing in a large meat processing plant. Racks are moved about throughout the process by light hand lift truck.

## Check List for Lift Truck Selection

What is maximum weight truck

will carry? pallets? Will truck carry skids? tote boxes? racks?

Dimensions of skids: height

Dimensions of pallets: height width

Dimensions of racks: platform height width length

Dimensions of tote boxes: height

Will truck carry machinery or other odd shapes?

Will special supports or bearing surfaces be needed?

Will loads be fragile? On what kinds of floors or surfaces will truck be used?

Will truck travel over sills, gratings, tracks or on the ground?

material to and from the equipment that travels the greater distances. It can work at order picking, stock and parts assembly, and many other jobs of this type.

5. Use in Old Buildings and Old Elevators: If floor loading has to be watched and elevators fa-

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FOR HANDLING BETWEEN machines and departments, this plant uses hydraulic lift trucks. Unit here is transferring skid load of castings in a production area.

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MOVING DELICATE material in process, this lift truck is pushing a load of green cores into the core oven.

vored, hand lift trucks will probably be able to do the lifting and carrying within safety limits. They are light in weight; up to 90 percent of the weight of the loaded truck is in the load itself.

6. In-process Handling: Hundreds of special applications of hand lift trucks have been made for in-process handling. These are jobs where the truck becomes part of the operating equipment, moving the material through the operation. They may work with racks, bins or platforms which are currently in use or might be designed to increase production capacity.

As examples, a meat processor hangs hams on special platforms, built like a Christmas tree, which are carried in the curing ovens by hand lift trucks; makers of cement blocks use spring mounted trucks to move blocks into the curing process; and producers of pharmaceuticals use special racks and hand lift trucks to move materials into sterilizers.

HANDLING in confined area illustrated by truck delivering load into freezer of food processing plant.



## General Characteristics

Familiarity with the general specifications of hand lift trucks, which follow, will help a buyer to select equipment most likely to provide full satisfaction.

Mechanical Lift Types: The least expensive type is the single stroke, mechanical lift truck. One stroke of the steering handle lifts the load to full height. This is advised for light loads. For heavier loads, consider the multiple stroke type. It takes several strokes of the handle to elevate the load but less effort on the part of the operator.

Hydraulic Lift Types: In this equipment, a hydraulic cylinder and pump raises the load. It's more

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IN BALING piece goods in a textile mill, lift truck delivers skid loads of goods right into the press. Note special skids and reels of steel strapping which complete bale after the lift truck has been withdrawn from the press.



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## HAND LIFT TRUCKS . . .

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expensive than the mechanical type but provides a smooth, effortless lift to the heaviest rated load. A boy can operate one.

Capacities: Both mechanical and hydraulic types are made in a wide variety of load capacities. Smaller sizes will handle up to 1000 pounds. There are larger sizes for 2000 pounds and up. Trucks are frequently built for capacities to 10,000 lbs—for short hands.

Widths and Lengths: Widths are usually classified as "narrow" where the truck itself is 16 to 20 inches wide. They are considered "wide" where they run from 22 to 30 inches. If tote boxes are to be moved in narrow aisles, the narrow type will slide loads into widths of from 18 to 20 inches. Wide models will, of course, pick up standard skids or pallets.

Lengths vary greatly. Very short trunks are made to handle compact, heavy loads such as tin plate. Normal lengths of from 36 to 48 inches accommodate the average skid or pallet. Special trucks may be made in lengths up to six or eight feet.

Load Carriers: Hand lift trucks work equally well with skid platforms (including racks, boxes, bins, etc.) and pallets. If your plant uses pallets exclusively, consider a pallet hand lift truck.

Running Gear: The sort of wheels with which your trucks are to be equipped should be determined by your floors, the load to be carried, and the type of service. Wheels may be cast iron, semisteel, rubber tired, or plastic, and most of them are supplied with anti-friction bearings. Consider accessibility of lubrication points for wheels (as well as other moving parts on the truck). Rubber tires will provide the greatest shock protection to loads. If the truck is to pass through areas where metal chips and other litter may damage rubber, metal or plastic wheels should be considered.

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## FLOW PLANNING . . .

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is of extreme importance. Suppose this plant uses trips, each 200 ft. in length. Using time study data fork trucks and the process requires only five round trips, each 200 ft. in length. Using time study data of Table I the material handling time would be:

t = (.644) - (.0071) 200 = 10.30 min.

After the re-layout, the handling time would be:

 $t = 5.644 - (.0711) \quad (100) = 6.77$ 

the reduction in handling cost is: 10.30-6.77

or 34%

10.30

On the other hand, if 10 pickups and put-downs are necessary, and if the trip length is 100 ft. initially, 13.54 min. would be required for this handling. Reducing the distance of travel to 50 ft. per trip would reduce the time required to 10 min., a saving of 26%... much different from the 34% of the preceding case. The conclusion is that distance is not a consistent in licator of handling cost or handling cost reduction.

Suppose that the trips are performed by trucks assigned to areas of the plant. Since the equipment utilization factor k will probably vary, the cost per trip will depend upon which truck transports the material.

Since the data upon which this conclusion rests represents only a few plants and is based primarily upon operations wherein materials are handled from storage to a production line or vice versa, one can conclude only tentatively that the distance material moves is a poor function to be minimized by flow planning. This idea can be validated by further research into: the values of a and b and how they are affected by the load (size weight, stability) equipment and operator variability, and layout variables as aisle width, number of intersections and congestion; whether equipment is operated in accordance with recommended maximum operating radii; the equipment utilization factor k.

Minimizing distance to im-

prove flow is even less valid when several types of handling equipment are used or when parts to be moved vary substantially in size or density. Consider the case of a plant that produces both counterweights and pistons for fork trucks. Since a few of the former or many of the latter constitute a load, the number of trips reguired to transport enough of each for 250 four-cylinder trucks will be quite different. Adding the distance travelled by different items then is meaningless in the general case.

## Minimizing Travel

Finally, it should be noted that minimizing travel is a completely deterministic technique and does not consider the fact that distances, the constants a and k and the leads are, in fact better described by distributions.

While some of the preceding operational criticisms are not insurmountable, they reinforce rather than vitiate the previous conclusions that distance is not a good indicator of handling costs and that minimizing dis-

tance is not a satisfactory quantitative technique for planning flow.

### Planning Flow to Minimize Handling

This deterministic method of planning flow assumes that handling cost is proportional to the amount of materials moved between departments rather than to the distance between them. Three common methods are described below:

Method 1.

When a company's products are all small units (screw machine products for example) of very similar size, the amount of handling is approximately a function of the quantity or weight of each part produced in some time periods. The amount of handling between any two departments is the total number of pieces or weight moved between them. For example, in a very much simplified layout problem involving the three parts shown in the following summary:

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Operation Sequence Summary

Operation Number	Part $X$	Part $Y$	Part Z
1*	Dept. A	Dept. A	Dept. B
2	Pept. B	Dept. C	Dept. D
8	Dept. C	Dept. D	Dept. E
4	Dept. D	Dept. E	
5			
Pieces per month	300	800	750

The amount of handling between departments during the specified time periods would be as shown in the table which appears at the right.

Obviously, department D and E should be closest together: other desirable adjacent department listed in order by the amount of handling between them are C and D; A and C; B and D; A and B: B and C. This can be

seen visually if the Circle diagram or traffic pattern of Figure 4 is prepared.

### Method 2.

An authority suggests that the ease of movement for each part be classified numerically by a geometric series. If  $\alpha_1$  represents the classification value for any part, its handleability would be

### Amount of Inter-Departmental Handling (In Pieces)

From	Machine	To	Vachi	ar or	Denas	rlmen
	Dept.				D	E
	A		300	800		
	В			300	750	
					800 300	
	С				1100	
	D					800 750
						1500
	E					

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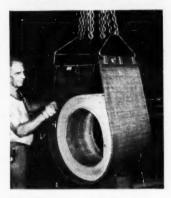


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 $(\alpha_i)$  (weight) or  $(\alpha_i)$  (number of pieces). The total handling between any two departments would be the sum of the handleabilities for all parts moving between them.

Method 3

A third approach to measuring the amount of handling between departments is the pallet- or trip-load technique. In it a pallet- or trip-load of each item is estimated; the handling between two departments per time period

n Units of product "i" to be moved i=1 Units of product "i"/pallet

If the table, "Operation Sequence Summary" is supplemented by the following information:

### Estimated Loads

			Part X	Part Y	Part Z
Pieces	per	load	3	200	50
Loads	per	month	100	4	25

The amount of handling between departments (per time period) is as follows:

## Amount of Inter-Department Handling (in Trip Loads)

WIMBER OF LOADS MOUED

From Machine To Machine or Dept.						
or Dept. A	B	С	D	E		
A	100	4				
В		100	25			
C			$\frac{100}{4}$ $\overline{104}$			
- D				4 25 29		
E						

Now C and D should be closest together, but contiguity for A, B and C is almost as important, B,D, and E should be adjacent, but this relationship is of secondary im-

From the preceding examples it should be apparent that placing departments together to minimize the amount of handling is nothing



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more than a variation of the technique of minimizing the distance moved. The amount of handling is simply a weighting factor—the one needed to account for variations in the size and density of the items transported. Furthermore, since it is statistically deterministic, the technique does not consider variability in the loads. Finally since distance does not appear, it is not really quantitative.

It should be noted, however, that the amount of handling approach is a useful one for selecting the type of handling equipment to be used because it clearly defines the amount of material traveling over each route through the plant. It will also point out potential production control problems and desirable product simplification.

## Planning Flow to Minimize a Weighted Distance Function

This technique is a logical outgrowth of the two preceding. It presumes that the distance a part moves multiplied by one of the amount of handling measures just discussed is a good indicator of handling cost. While this procedure is better than either of those discussed, it still will not indicate the costs of handling either consistently or accurately since it includes the distance factor with all of its drawbacks.

### Planning Flow to Minimize both Distance of Movement and Number of Handlings.

This is the classical approach of motion and time study with its process charts, old and new, and its summary like that shown below:

		Proposed Layout	
Number of Handlings	100	75	25
Distance Moved (Ft.)	3000	2000	1000

This flow planning technique considers both the constant and





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variable elements of handling cost. On the other hand the comparisons

- 1. Because there is usually no indication of how many feet of travel equal one pick-up and visa versa
- 2. As a result of the difficulties in measuring distances cited hefore
- 3. Because the amount of handling concept is frequently neglected.

## A Recommended Deterministic Technique for Flow Planning.

Any flow planning technique, if it is to consider handling costs correctly, must include:

- 1. The step function nature of handling costs
- 2. Variations in equipment utilization
- 3. The amount of handling fac-
- 4. The average portion of the equipment capacity used on each trip.

A function which considers these factors and which could be minimized to minimize handling costs

Cost of handling between successive operations "h<sub>1</sub>" = -(a + bx)

i = nCost of all handling = 2 h i = 1

wherein:

- a + bx = time for a trip of length x
  - c1 = cost/hr. of operating the type of handling equipment used.
  - d = average per cent of capacity used.
  - e = appropriate amount of handling measure
  - f = number of parts to be moved
  - k = equipment utilization factor





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equipment. This equation would then be:

Measure of handling between successive operations "H<sub>1</sub> =  $\frac{(fkc_2)}{c_1}$ 

(a/b + x)

Measure of total handling =

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wherein:

a/b + x = a measure of handling (in feet)

> c2 = (cost/hr.) (average speed in hours/ft.) for the type of handling equipment used

c, d, f and k are as noted

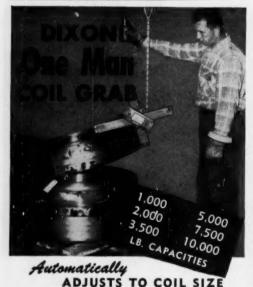
The latter function is probably the most practical of the two until time standards are available.

There are four common and widely described quantitative techniques of flow planning which at-

tempt to minimize, respectively. the distance materials move, the amount of handling, a weighted distance unit, and the two variables of distance and number of handlings. It appears that the first three of these are not good approximations of the handling costs they purport to indicate because each neglects either the constant or the variable portion of the handling task. The amount of handling concept is not a quantitative technique at all but a weighting device which insures that each part handled is given its proper consideration. It can be used as such, to eliminate one common criticism of the minimization of distance tech-

The technique of minimizing both distance and number of handlings, while it considers both elements of the handling task, does not consider them on a common scale. This, and a tendency to forget the amount of handling weighting, render it inadequate for planning flow quantitatively.

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industry. A theoretically more accurate quantitative technique has been presented. It. however, cannot be used with complete assurance, and plant layout theory will develop slowly until research is carried out in the following areas:

1. Handling time standards and the effect of environment and human factors on them

2. Equipment utilization

3. Equipment capacity utiliza-

4. Maximum operating radii for equipment

If research in these areas confirms the tentative conclusions drawn from the limited data in this article, it should be directed toward determining the variability in each area and replacing the averages in the recommended deterministic flow planning techniques with the appropriate distributions.

While conclusions have been drawn about certain flow planning techniques in this article, the most striking fact it illustrates is the lack of data about plant layout. There simply is not enough factual, specific information to answer many

of the questions that arise.

The comments presented in this article represent an effort to bring layout men face to face with plant layout theory. It is hoped that those who disagree or who would suggest other approaches to the flow planning problem will communicate with the author.

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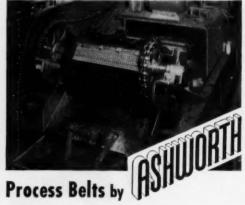
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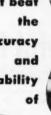
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A bulletin containing complete information on the latest NEMA motor standards is available from General Electric Company, The standards, recently passed by NEMA, set up new frame dimensions for a-c motors from 1 to 30 hp. Designated as GEA-5995, the 8-page two-color publication compares the old with the new frame assignments for open-type poly-phase, single-phase and wound-rotor motors as well as totally-enclosed fan-cooled types. Also listed are the suggested new frame assignments for footmounted and flange-mounted motors, and standards for minimum locked-rotor torque for general purpose single-phase motors. Circle 223 on Reader Service Card

## Task-Tailored Trucks:

Catalog No. 87 from Towsley Trucks, Inc., includes this company's line of platform trucks, two-wheel hand trucks and skids, all of which are said to be tasktailored. This comprehensive, 26page catalog gives complete details, illustrations and specifications of the various models available.

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## Wheel-Mounted Crane:

An 8-page catalog illustrating the heavy-duty, self-propelled, wheel-mounted Wayne Crane Model 20 has been published by the Wayne Crane Division, American Steel Dredge Company Inc. Entitled "Meet the Heavyweights", the descriptive catalog contains complete specifications, operating data and lifting capacities. Circle 225 on Reader Service Card

### Package Handling:

The complete line of Farquhar package handling conveyors is described in a 16-page, two-color catalog available from A. B. Farquhar Company. The line includes power belt conveyors, both portable and fixed, roller and wheel gravity units and the extendable boom conveyor.

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## NEW EQUIPMENT . . .

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## Pallet Tiering Truck

A new hydraulically-operated unit designed

for small plants and warehouses is now being offered by The Raymond Corp. Known as the Pallet Stacker the truck has a 3/4 horsepower motor driven pump which will tier pallet loads as high as 115 inches. The truck has a push-button remote elevating control and a hand valve lowering control. With a rated



capacity of 2000 pounds, the truck weighs approximately 1300 pounds. The truck's compact design permits operation in narrow aisles, boxcars or highway trailers. Its mast extends 138¾ inches when elevated, while measuring only 83 inches collapsed.

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### Low Cost Hoist

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Zip-Lift hoist, the Harnischfeger Corp. has developed a rope control electric hoist that can be sold at a comparatively lower cost. The "one hand" rope control is in addition to all the features of the regular model. The company guarantees the new Zip-Lift will operate continuously during intermittant usage for a period of 25 percent longer than the rated time

limit. It also incorporates a weight overload safety factor five times the rated capacity. All P&H hoists utilize wire rope hoisting. The new Zip-Lifts come in two sizes, 500 and 1000 pound capacities.

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### Tractor Cab

Production of heavy-duty cabs for installation on the Caterpillar HT4 Traxcavator tractor has been announced by Crenlo, Inc. The Crenlo cab,



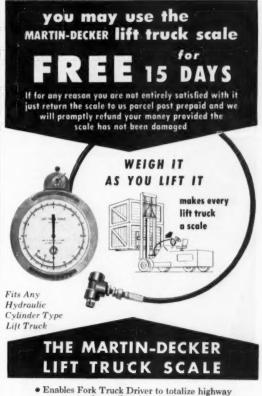
specially-designed for crawler tractor service, is all-steel arc welded. The 12gauge body is reinforced by framing of 3/16-inch structural members. Hinges and latch mechanism are heavy-duty

type and windows are 3/16-inch safety glass mounted in self-sealing weatherstrip. A canvas curtain-removable for warm weather operation -extends from the bottom of the windshield to the dash and floor plate. Doors may be fastened in open position. Dimensions of the cab are: height, fender to roof, 56 inches; width across cab, 521/2 inches; length front to back, 443/4 inches; door opening, 25 inches wide by 48 inches high. Shipping weight is approximately 700

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## Shuttle Conveyor

A shuttle conveyor which is said to provide the "missing link" in continuous mining has been developed by Hewitt-Robins Inc. Extendable to 600 or 700 feet by a rope haul, the conveyor can follow the progress of mining while maintaining a fixed discharge or transfer point. It may receive



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## Sky's The Limit

A high lift model of the Baker-Lull Shove-

loader designed for loading gondola cars, hoppers and trucks with bulk materials has been developed by Baker-Lull Corp. Lifting heights to 16 ft., dumping heights to 14½ ft., and load capacities as high as 6000 pounds suit the High Lift Shove-loader for versatile



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## Extra Heavy-Duty Casters

Buffalo Caster & Wheel Corporation announces a series of extra heavy-duty malleable iron swivel



casters. Known as the "21 Series", these double ball bearing swivel casters have top plates, fork, wheel and king bolt nut of malleable iron for greater strength and ability to stand up under hard use. Wheels are equipped with oilite bearings. A cotter pin in the king bolt

locks the nut in place to assure trouble-free service. These casters are available in 3 and 4-inch sizes, with capacities of 1000 and 1200 pounds each.

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## Wheel-Spin Stopper

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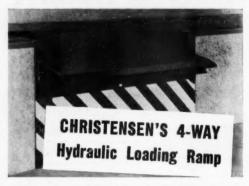
users of all Towmotor lift trucks and tractors. Available as original equipment at additional cost, or installed on Towmotor units already in use, this instrument permits accurate recording of all phases of lift



truck and tractor operation. Among the many advantages it adds is the elimination of guesswork in scheduling all maintenance functions and periodical service check-ups. The meter is adjusted and timed by the manufacturer, then sealed against tampering or foreign matter.

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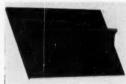
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## Cleated Belting

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## Brake Compound

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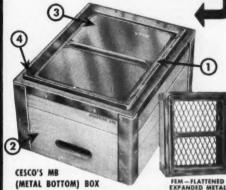


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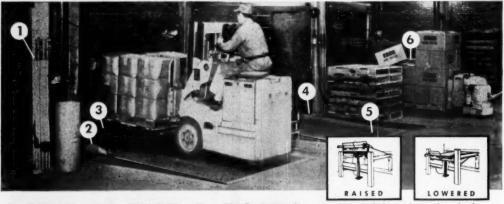
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## Load Grab Attachment

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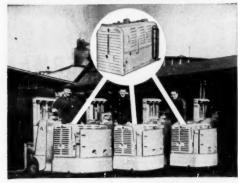
quarters. This combination of the basic load grab now permits speedier handling, less maneuvering and more accurate stacking. It also has such advantages as stacking close to walls where overall width of the truck is greater than the overall width of the load.

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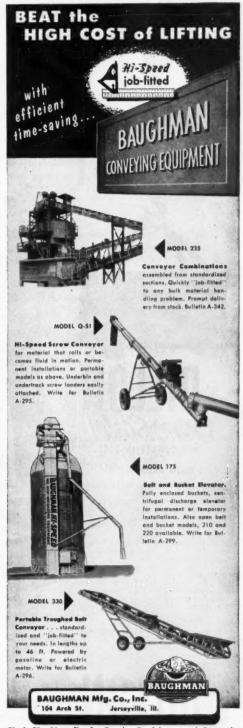


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## High Lift Debut

Truck-Man Division of the Knickerbocker Co.

makes its entrance into the high lift field with its new Model 40, two-ton capacity fork truck. According to the company the new model is designed for efficient use in outdoor storage yards as well as transporting and stacking inside the



plant. Features include a turning radius of only six feet, a tilting mast, hydraulic side shift, oversized clutch, heavy duty transmission and axles. Heavy road lug tires provide ample traction even on soft ground. The truck is powered by a four cylinder Ford industrial engine developing 40 brake horsepower.

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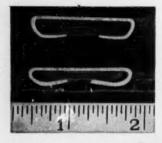
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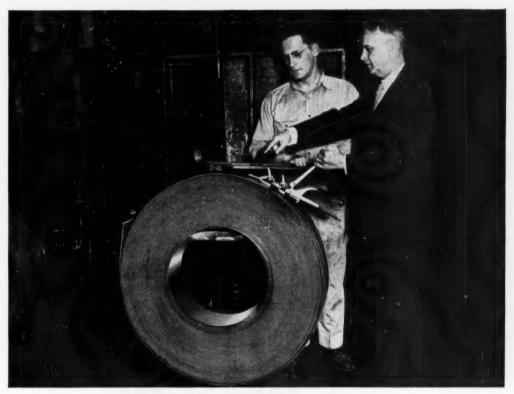
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# WHAT'S NEW... in Packaging and Shipping Equipment

#### Steel Strapping Kit

A completely self-contained steel strapping kit which can be carried from job to job in plants, shops, storage yards, etc., has been announced by Brainard Steel Div. of Sharon Steel Corp. Called the Utilikit, it contains a 300 foot coil of steel strapping in a cardboard dispenser, 1000 strapping seals and three basic tools; stretcher, sealer and snips. Said to be ideal for small volume user of strapping.

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#### Heavy Duty Box Stitcher

A heavy duty duplex-head box stitcher designed for continuous high speed stapling of large corrugated and solid fibre cartons has been announced by Bostitch. The machine drives and clinches two staples  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in apart with each stroke and has rated speed of 250 strokes per min. A throat depth of 25 in makes it possible to staple containers up to four ft. wide according to the manufacturer.

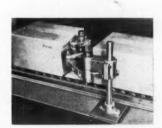
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#### Marking Four Sides Simultaneously

A twin-action friction-operated machine for marking codes or lot numbers simultaneously on both rear and one side of shipping cases as part of sealing and conveying operation is a new development of Adolph Gottscho, Inc. The unit, designated Rolacoder 200, has been designed to work in tandem with the recently announced Rolacoder 500 to permit automatic marking of all four sides of cases at one time.

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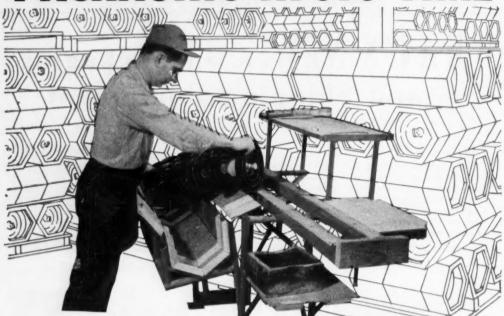
#### Versatile Packaging Machine

This automatic packaging machine is reported to turn out three in., four in., or six in. square packages at a speed of from 30 to 80 per min., depending on the nature of the material being packaged. Made by Packmasters, the machine can be fed by one to three operators and can incorporate a wide variety of small articles (even instruction booklets) into a single heat-sealed package.

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## PACKAGING IN JIG TIME



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Packaging six porcelain insulators in a bulky nailed crate was a time-consuming two-man operation at Victor Insulators, Inc., Victor, New York. Introduction of the sturdy, lightweight General Wirebound Box and the jig-assembly system shown here enabled Victor engineers to reduce packaging to a quick efficient one-man operation, cut packaging costs by an estimated 25%.

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### **Drum Closing Press**

This unusual air-operated press was designed and made by Jack and Heintz, Inc., Cleveland, to make it easier to close metal shipping drums containing aircraft inverters packed in rubberized hair. Operating on 80 lb. pressure, the press acts in two directions: downward through an inner ring which presses directly on the cover of the drum; and inward by means of an outer rim which forces the ends of the drum's closing ring together for bolting. The pressing plate is spring-charged to compensate for varying depths of covers on drums.

Formerly, the same job was accomplished by use of a wooden mallet with which locking rings were pounded down, and a manually operated clamping device which pulled the closing ring tight.

AIR OPERATED PRESS (above) designed and made by Jack & Heintz engineers for closing metal shipping drums. Packed drums ride onto press from roller conveyor behind it.



TWO-WAY PRESSURE is applied to press down on the cover and to press in on the closing ring of the drum. Air wrench is used to tighten bolt which fits through lugs on ring.



MOISTURE VAPOR PROOF BARRIER, placed over a wooden box bottom starts the packaging of boom hoist actuators at Jack & Heintz, Inc., Bedford, Ohio. Four gasket holes with resilient washers built into the material insure a tight seal when the unit is bolted down. It's step No. I in a company's use of . . .

Flexible Barriers in . . .

The Fight

Against

Corrosion

WITHOUT a doubt, the greatest problem facing manufacturers and users of ferrous metal products is a creeping menace called corrosion. It is a problem which presents itself the instant pure metal is discharged from a furnace . . . and one which continues to be a plague as long as the metal is in use in some form.

Barrier manufacturers are constantly studying the problem of corrosion, and are developing new materials which will not only give adequate protection when properly used, but will even overcome a great deal of mishandling and mis-application. They recognize the fact, that in addition to meeting military specifications, barriers must also be designed with an eye toward providing the right kind of protection at the lowest possible cost, for products which are being shipped commercially.

#### Why Metal Corrodes

Scrap yards are crowded with once-shiny objects now covered with reddish-brown rust . . . slowly deteriorating. If one were to scrape off this rust from any of the pieces of scrap, and chemically compare it with a sample from one of the hugh piles of reddish-brown iron oxide present at all steel mills, he would find both to be of the same compound.

Reducing the iron oxide to a pure metal, in a furnace, has put it into an unstable state from which it will tend to return to its original stable form. In other words, metallic compounds are more stable than the metals from which they were formed. In corroding, refined metals are simply tending to seek that more stable state.

Oxygen is the chief element in promoting corrosion It combines with pure metal to form the oxide, or corrosion as we know it.

Oxygen not only has the property of combining with practically every element known, but also is able to diffuse through coatings. The removal of oxygen from the atmosphere is, of course, impossible, so it is one constituent of the reaction; iron + water + oxygen = rust, which is always present.

#### How do Flexible Barriers Prevent Rust?

Since the metal involved is also a permanent constituent of the reaction, the only course which remains open to the prevention of corrosion is the elimination of water. This can be accomplished through the use of materials like greases, oils, peelable plastics, desicants, corrosion inhibiting vapors, and, the subject of this article, flexible barriers of many types.

Basically, there are three types of flexible barriers: water proof, moisture vapor proof and grease proof,



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# The Fight Against Corrosion





each with an -important role in the battle against corrosion. As might be expected, there are numerous combinations of all three types, some of which are suited to several entirely different types of applications. For clarity, however, this article will treat each type as entirely separate in construction and in function.

#### Water Proof Barriers

The primary function of this type barrier is to keep out liquid water such as rain or road spray, but not necessarily to hold out water vapor which might be in the atmosphere. Construction is usually of layers of kraft paper laminated with a layer of asphalt compound. For added strength, this type barrier may be supplied with a cloth backing or with cross-laid reinforcing fibres, imbedded in the adhesive.

Water proof barriers make excellent liners for boxes

and crates of all types, and may be glued, taped, or stapled depending on the requirements brought about by specific application. Generally, this type barrier is low in cost, easy to use.

#### Water Vapor Proof Barriers

The essential ingredient of this type barrier is aluminum foil, which even in the thickness of 1/1000-inch has a water vapor transmission rate so low as to be difficult to measure. However, plain aluminum foil has two draw-backs which must be overcome to make it suitable for moisture vapor proof packaging purposes: A. It does not lend itself to fabrication into sealed containers; B. It is subject to pin-holing as soon as it is folded, flexed or creased. Without adequate protection to seal them, the pin holes would present open channels for the transmission of water.

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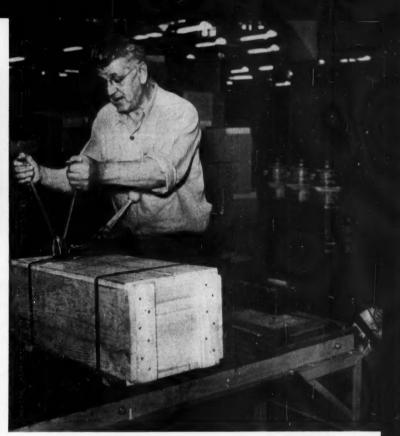
WATER-PROOF BARRIER shown in "layback" photo is constructed of two outer plies of kraft laminated with a layer of specially blended asphalt compound. Reinforcement is provided the material by closely formed mat of twisted fibres imbedded in the asphalt.

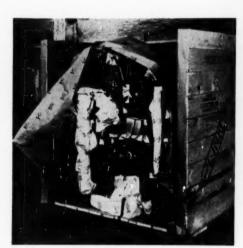


FOUR-PLY SHEET makes up one type of moisture vapor proof barrier. Cotton cloth (scrim) provides strength, polyethylene film provides a seal over pin holes, aluminum foil gives vapor proofness, and vinyl film makes the barrier heat sealable.

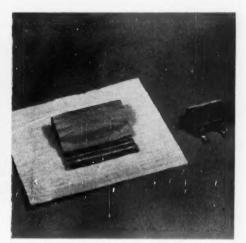


WAX-COATED BARRIER clings to boom hoist actuator when wrapped around (far left) to protect moisture vapor proof hood being placed over unit from vibration damage. Note that edges of the hood have been flanged for heat sealing. Hand sealer is shown in operation in middle photo. All except one corner of package is sealed. Then, air is removed with vacuum pump (above) and remainder is sealed. Cover of the box is steel strapped to make a strong, moisture proof package (right).





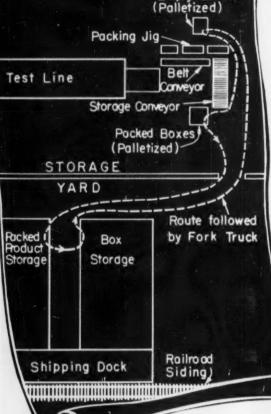
V.C.I. COATED KRAFT PAPER is wrapped around critical parts of linotype machine and then a large sheet is wrapped around entire unit to prevent corrosion. Rust inhibiting chemical on paper volatizes slowly and infiltrates to all parts of package.



CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE SHEET with flexible neutral kraft backing serves as cushioning and grease proof barrier. When inserted into moisture-vapor proof bag on which it is resting, unit will be completely protected from vibrations, shocks and moisture.

# Production End

Here's an installation where there is no breaking point between production and packaging. Final assembly and packing of high tension insulators are both done at the same time by one person.



PACKAGING AND SHIPPING AREA LAYOUT is shown in this rough sketch. Broken line indicates path of fork truck as it carries pallet loads of wirebound box mats to packing line; returns to outdoor area with pallet load of filled boxes; picks up another load of empties etc. through the cycle again.



BELT CONVEYOR carries insulators from high-voltage test through cleaning and inspection to packer. Packer assembles strings of insulators... in the shipping crate... at the same time he packages them.

### and Packaging Begin?

WO separate jobs, final assembly and packaging of high tension line suspension insulators, both are being accomplished in a single operation at Locke Department of General Electric Co., Baltimore. A combination of the ingenuities of Locke's packaging engineer, H. C. Gladden and the manufacturer of wirebound shipping containers which Locke uses, has resulted in a packaging set-up having the following advantages:

 Handling and packing time have been cut to the bone.

Storage space required for packaged product has been reduced considerably.

 Safe shipping of the relatively fragile porcelain insulators is assured.

Packaging and shipping costs have been reduced.
 After insulator discs have been made, and before

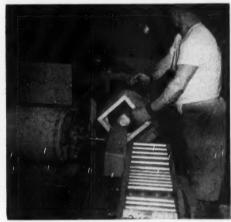
they can be assembled into "strings", they are put through a 60 cycle high-voltage test. Then, each unit is cleaned, inspected, and placed on a short belt conveyor which takes it to the packaging station. There, the discs are shunted off the conveyor onto a gathering point convenient to the assembler-packer.

#### Assembling Packaging Jig

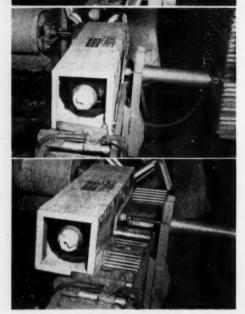
An unusual jig used by the packer, has probably done more to assure the success of the new packaging and handling system than any other single factor. The jig consists of a section of gravity roller conveyor with a back plate welded at right angles to the ends of the rollers. A foot-operated hydraulic piston raises and lowers the side of the jig nearest the packer as required. In raised position, the rollers and back plate form a perfect 90°-V into which



ROLLER CONVEYOR PACKING JIG, which is long enough to hold any length box required. Here, six-insulator units are assembled. The 90° V formed by jig prevents insulators from rolling off before being pinned together. Foot operated air cylinder tilts jig.



WIREBOUND CONTAINER is then closed by bringing ends of mat together and folding down the wire loops as shown here. Wires are not twisted on this box; the packer completes closure by engaging two simple loops. Built-in blocking eliminates need for ends.



TRANSFERRING FILLED BOXES from the packing jig to a storage conveyor is accomplished by an ingenious arrangement developed by H. C. Gladden, Packaging Engineer of Locke. First, the hydraulically-operated jig is tilted forward and down by means of a foot control. When the roller conveyor section is in a horizontal position, the filled box (this one weighs 77 lb.) is rolled onto an adjoining roller conveyor, clearing the jig so that the packer can start working on another string of insulators, immediately. (Photo A) From this point, movement to the storage conveyor is completely automatic. A live roller moves the box along slowly until it bumps an air switch which raises wheels mounted on a plate underneath the roller conveyor. (Photo B) As the wheels raise the box away from the rollers, the plate on which they are mounted strikes an air switch which causes a pneumatic ram to shove the box sideways onto the storage roller conveyor. (Photo C) In effect, boxes have been shunted onto a conveyor at right angles to the jig and, at the same time, they are turned sideways to permit greater numbers to be stored on the storage conveyor.

#### **Production and Packaging**

specially designed wirebound mats can be set for packaging of the suspension insulators.

To assemble and package a string of discs, the packer first picks up a wirebound mat from a pallet load on the floor directly behind him. He lays the mat over the V-jig and places enough insulator discs (on edge) in the V to make up the length suspension insulator string currently being run. (A different size wire-bound is stocked for each length suspension insulator string, and the jig is large enough to accommodate all size boxes used). Then, to complete assembly, the packer pins the discs together in shipping containers.

To close the box, it is only necessary that the packer wrap the mat around the made-up string of discs. Wire loops at each end of the mat are brought together and engaged to provide a strong and tight closure. No end panels are required since cleats have been built into the wirebounds, near each end, to grip the end discs and to cut shifting.

#### From Jig to Storage

Little effort is required for moving the packed container from the jig. Through a foot control, the packer lowers the tilted roller conveyor section to a horizontal position. A slight shove to the left sends the box onto an adjoining roller conveyor and the packer



SELF-INKING MARKER is used to mark each box with contents, date of packing and identity of packer, while boxes are still stored on conveyor. In background is partially made-up pallet load of filled and marked boxes for delivery to storage area located outside.

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has cleared the jig for the next assembling-packing job. The time required for him to assemble, and package a complete suspension insulator and to move it away from the packaging area is approximately one minute.

#### Taking Boxes to Shipping Area

Boxed insulators follow an interesting path from the packaging line to a temporary storage conveyor and then to a more permanent storage area in the yard where they await shipment. After a box has been pushed off the packing jig, a slowly turning power roller pulls it along until it gently bumps an air switch which activates an air cylinder under the conveyor.

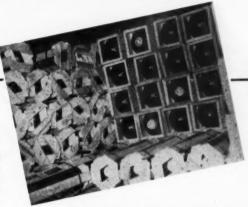
The cylinder, with a three-inch stroke, raises a steel plate on which several rows of wheels have been mounted. At the top of the stroke, the box is completely free of the roller conveyor on which it had been moving and it rests on the rows of wheels which protrude between rollers.

At this point, the rising wheel-mounted plate presses against another air switch, this one mounted under the roller conveyor. Air is released to a piston which pushes against the side of the box, moving it onto a wide roller storage convevor.

The ingenious arrangement of air pistons, rollers



FORK TRUCK is shown here picking up a pallet load of packaged insulators for transportation to packaged product storage area. This same truck has the dual job of supplying packer with wirebound mats and of removing completed packages from end of packaging line.



COMPARISON OF CONTAINERS . . . At left and in foreground is old type, and at right is new type. Locke reports new box stacks better, faster, neater than old.

and wheels carries a box around a right angle turn and, at the same time, changes box movement from lengthwise to sideways. As a result of side-by-side storage, capacity of the storage conveyor has been greatly increased.

#### Marking and Palletizing

Packed boxes remain on the storage conveyor a short time, since it is actually only a collecting point from which pallet loads are built up for fork-truck movement to pre-shipment storage.

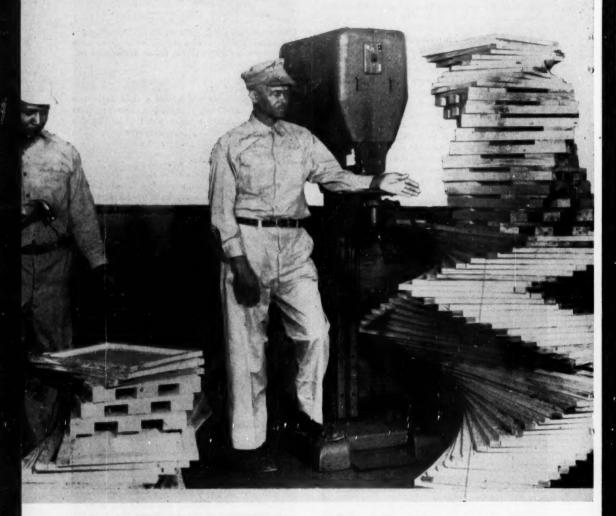
While each box is still on the conveyor, the fork truck operator marks it with: contents, date of pack-

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BEGINNING AND END of the packaging story at Locke Department of General Electric Co. is in this yard. At left, under cover is the storage area for wirebound mats. At the right, is storage area for packed product. Proximity of two areas cuts travel of truck.

# Mechanize the Nailing Operation



A 300% PRODUCTION INCREASE resulted here when hand method of nailing shooks was matched with a nailing method. Stack at left has 2.9 assemblies, stack

at right is made up of 11.6 assemblies. Both represent an hour of production. A single assembly consisted of bottom skid, top, two sides, front and back of box. IT is too commonly assumed by many companies who make their own nailed-wood containers that if production is not in the thousands, there is no use for automatic or semi-automatic nailing machines.

Actually, with present day equipment, it is not necessary to have large runs of one size box or crate before mechanization is called for. Wherever nails are used, nailing machines can be fitted into operations to help achieve greater speed, greater efficiency and better nailing jobs. Any type of nail can be driven by equipment which is available, and some types of machines even go so far as to make their own nails.

A "battle" recently conducted between a man and a machine produced interesting results. It showed how automatic nailing equipment could increase output clocked at 5.17 min. per assembly, while 20.60 min. were required for each hand-nailed job. The machine produced the skid part alone in only 45 seconds as compared to over four min. for hand nailing. Furthermore, the nails driven mechanically were sent home under a pressure of 1000 lb., thus effecting enormous friction between the members nailed, making the assemblies rigid. Waste was cut dramatically . . . there were no bent or dropped nails, no split wood, and knots were taken in stride.

#### Types of machines

Where several sizes of boxes or crates are required and little box storage space is available, it is important that the right type of machine be used, and that

"Nailing machines are flexible, are adjusted simply and quickly enough to fit them economically into jobs heretofore thought impossible"

more than 300% in the manufacture of shooks!

At the plant where the "battle" was waged, a nailing machine and operator were pitted against "the fastest man in the plant with a hammer." Assemblies consisted of a bottom skid, top, two sides, front and back. In an hour's run, the mechanized arrangement resulted in 11.6 shook assemblies. During that time, the speedy hammer wielder, plainly showing fatigue, put together only 2.9 assemblies.

During the contest, the machine-nailed shooks were

it be incorporated into a well-planned, efficient layout.

Nailing machines may be divided into three general classifications: edge nailers, center line nailers and hox framers.

Edge nailers permit work to pass across the front of the machine from side to side and are limited in use to straight line or single staggered line nail drive. Open back edge nailers are available which permit work to pass through the machine from front to back.

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BOX FRAMER completely frames a box on only three machine strokes. Minimum size this unit can nail is 9" x 9" x 191/2". Maximum size box is 26" x 26" x 50".



BOX LIDDER automatically adjusts itself to end-nail lids on boxes of a wide range of sizes and shapes. Note variety being accommodated in above photograph.



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NAILING OPERATION

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Center line nailers are generally open back types and work must pass through from front to back. These have the advantage of providing a flexible pattern. Both center line and edge nailers may be equipped with attachments to clinch nails when necessary.

Box framers, as the name indicates, are single purpose machines. They are usually provided with automatic clamps and nail cycling devices and will drive all the nails in one surface of a box at one stroke. In addition, a box framer automatically compensates for a difference in dimension between depth and width.

Each of the above classes may be further divided into types based on the use to which the machine will be put, such as cleating, general purpose nailing, lidding, etc. Cleaters are usually smaller machines used to nail cleats to shook to make box ends. Framers are used for nailing sides and, or bottoms to ends in the assembly of a box. General purpose nailers can be used for cleating, framing, or lidding with a minimum amount of change-over to handle each type of nailing job. Lidders are used only to nail lids on boxes after they have been packed.

#### Study Requirements

Before you can intelligently determine the types and number of machines required you should have answers for the following questions:

- How many boxes (or nailed items) are required per hr. or per day?
- 2. Do storage facilities permit large runs of one size to be made, or must a number of sizes be made each day?
- 3. Is clinching required?
- 4. How much space is available?
- 5. How much money is to be invested?

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give the greatest production per man-hour. If great production is not of topmost importance, but initial cost is, then a general purpose machine might be called for. In such instances, special jigs and fixtures can often be designed by the manufacturer to increase production. This is the most efficient machine to use when several types and sizes of items are required and when change-over from one to another is frequent.

A decision as to the use of an edge or center-line nailer will depend upon the space available and the layout. Often, in a layout using several machines, both types are needed.

#### Get the Most Out of A Machine

To keep nailing machines operating at top efficiency for a long period of time, proper maintenance is of top importance. A few minutes spent each day cleaning your equipment and providing proper lubrication will result in increased operating efficiency and life. Maintenance manuals are provided as guides to nailing machine maintenance, but one of the most costly errors possible occurs if operators are not allowed time for, or if supervisors do not insist on, thorough maintenance.

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A more comphehensive curriculum than in previous years will be presented by the technical short course training program to be presented in conjunction with the eighth annual Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Exposition in Boston, Oct. 20, 21, 22.

Sponsored jointly by the Society of Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Engineers and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the course will include a total of 17 sessions with separate groups of lectures for different management levels.

It was announced by John W. Kraus, of Thompson Products. Inc., who is chairman of the advisory committee to aid in creating the curriculum, that a new feature to be introduced will be a complete and special series of lectures and training on "Packaging Fundamentals". It will be espe-cially designed for personnel such as packing and shipping overseers and supervisors. "Many of the persons whom we will reach through this special series on fundamentals are future packaging engineers,' Kraus stated, "We feel that it is essential that this group be given a scientific background in the whys and wherefores of protective packaging so that they will have a better understanding of their jobs."

Concurrent with the special series of lectures on packaging fundamentals will be a complete series of advanced lectures. This group will be more technical in nature and topics. It is being designed for the experienced engineer in protective packaging and in material handling.

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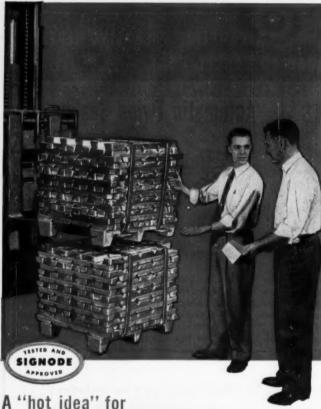


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To solve both problems, flexible plastic film is usually bonded onto one surface of the foil to permit heat sealing and at the same time to provide a seal over the pinholes which are bound to form in foil during the packaging operation. For greater strength and flexibility, cotton cloth backing is often laminated to the barrier.

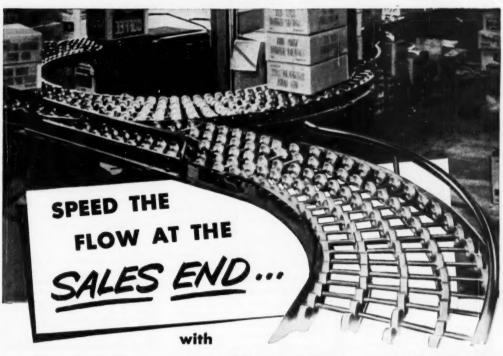
It is virtually a foregone conclusion that all moisture vapor proof barrier material will contain optical pin-holes by the time it reaches the field in the form of a finished package, Research done by the Naval Air Experimental Station in Philadelphia Navy Yard in cooperation with manufacturers of barriers has established the fact that such optical pin-holes, in the absence of liquid leakers, does not impair the product beyond its useful limit. In fact, the flexed W. V. T. R. (Water Vapor Transmission Rate) of certain materials becomes a guarantee of this property.

#### Removal of Air

Normally after a package is essentially complete, one corner of the final seal is left open and a suction apparatus is inserted to remove excess air and provide a snug fit of barrier material around the interior package. The apparatus is then removed and the final closure quickly effected so that no unnecessary moisture is allowed to remain in the sealed package.

In using this procedure, it is important to remember that the purpose of this type of closure is not to provide a vacuum pack. It is easy to see, that with an irregularly shaped object having sharp points or corners, too high a vacuum is likely to result in damage of the barrier material itself. If, after a seal has been made, there is any evidence of a slight loss of vacuum, one need not be too greatly concerned. Moisture vapor barrier material is not designed to hold a vacuum and should not be expected to do so. It will do its job adequately without requiring such extreme performance.

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CORROSION

#### Grease Proof Barriers

Continued.

Although not a corrosion fighting material in the same sense as those previously mentioned in this article, grease proof barriers fit into the picture in an important way. Usually, these barriers consist of wax-coated kraft papers or papers laminated with such films as acetate, glassine or polyethylene. Their primary function is to act as a retainer for preservative oil or grease which has been used as a coating on a metal part. In addition to their applications in packaging for shipping, grease proof barriers are used extensively to protect parts (and workers' clothing as well) during in-plant handling.

#### Inhibitor-Barrier Combinations

Among latest developments in barriers, are foils, kraft papers, and combinations of both which have been treated with volatile corrosion inhibitors. When used as pouches or as liners for containers, these barriers not only protect against entrance of excess moisture, but also prevent rusting from occurring as a result of moisture already in the package.

An even further development of this idea adds protection against damage due to shocks and bumps. This is accomplished with cushioned bags, made of kraft, lined with a volatile corrosion inhibitor.

There seems to be no end in sight yet to the advance of barriers in the fight against corrosion. Now undergoing experimental study is a barrier composed of heavy gauge (15 mils or more), unsupported polyethylene film. Right now, the product is being particularly considered for short term storage applications. We can also expect to see, in the not too distant future, aluminum foil pouches, which, although lined with a volatile corrosion inhibitor, will be heat sealable.

For material contained in the preceding survey, FLOW'S thanks to the following: Angier Corp.; The Dobeckmun Co.; The Floyd A. Holes Co.; Jack & Heintz, Inc.; Nox Rust Chemical Corp.; Plastic Film Corp.; Reynolds Metals Co.; Sherman Paper Products Corp.; The Sisalkraft Co.; Thilmany Pulp & Paper Co.



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#### NEW PACKAGING & SHIPPING EQUIPMENT . . .

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The Hi-Duty Model 88-8 dispensers of Derby Sealers, Inc., is designed to dispense pressure-sen-



sitive tapes up to eight inches wide. A crank-feed mechanism supplies the necessary leverage to overcome the tackiest tapes. The gearing that determines tape length delivered by one revolution of the crank is custom-made to suit the special re-

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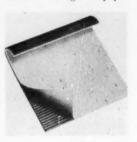
to permit construction of sturdy, compact unit loads of carbon black that hold up better in transit, and are easy to unload and store. Shaped bags are passed through a de-airing process that forces air out of each bag of black.

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#### PRODUCTION-PACKAGING

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ing, and identity of packer, using a self-inking hand marking device. Then he palletizes the boxes, 16 to a pallet.

The route of the fork truck is relatively short and efficient. Picking up a loaded pallet at the end of the packaging line, the truck driver carries it outdoors to a storage area near the freight terminal. After depositing the load, he needs travel only a few feet to an adjoining roofed-in area where palletized wirebound mats in all required sizes are stored (see flow diagram on first page). These he takes to the packaging area and deposits behind the packer.

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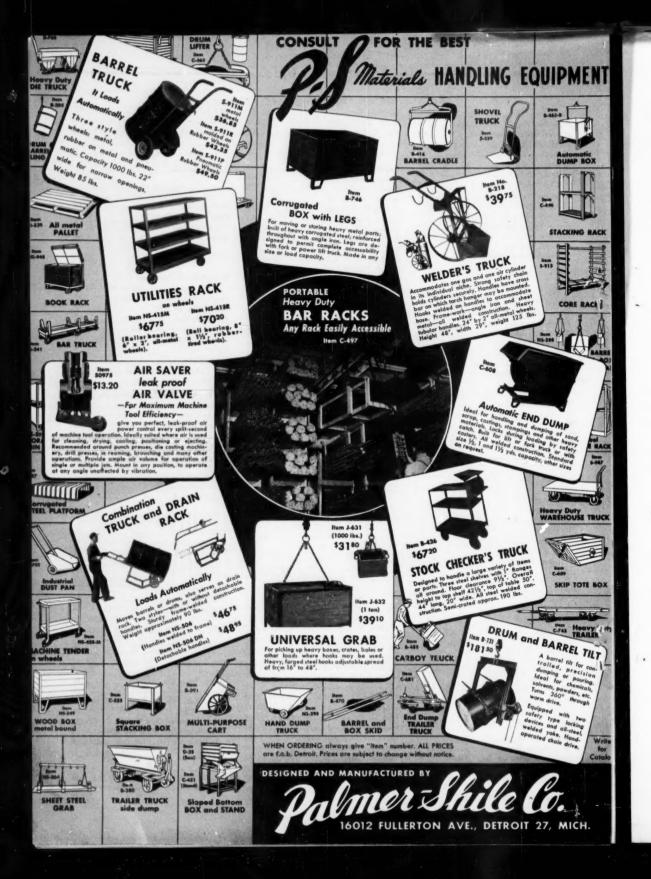


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